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NEET SS EXAM PATTERN: GOVT BLINKS

In a big relief to doctors who are scheduled to give the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test - Super Speciality this year, the Centre has informed the Supreme Court that the 2021 exam will be conducted in the old pattern. The revised pattern will, however, be implemented from 2022-23 onwards, the government told SC | **P11**

उत्तराखण्ड शासन

राष्ट्र सेवा के 20 वर्ष

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"प्रधानमंत्री श्री नरेन्द्र मोदी जी के देवभूमि उत्तराखण्ड आगमन पर एवं देश की सेवा के 20 वर्ष पूर्ण होने पर उत्तराखण्ड की जनता की ओर से हार्दिक बधाई एवं अभिनन्दन।"

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CHEMISTRY NOBEL AWARDED TO LIST, MACMILLAN

German scientist Benjamin List of the Max Planck Institute and Scotland-born scientist David WC MacMillan of Princeton University have been awarded the Nobel Prize for chemistry. They were cited for their work in developing a new way for building molecules known as 'asymmetric organocatalysis'. | P16

Gandhis meet grieving families in village; SC steps in on its own

Three-judge bench led by CJI N V Ramana to hear the matter today

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

POLITICAL activity around Lakhimpur Kheri in Uttar Pradesh intensified further on Wednesday with an eight-member Congress delegation led by Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra meeting the families of deceased farmers in the violence-torn village.

The Supreme Court, too, entered the scene by taking suo motu cognisance of the violence. The matter will be heard by a three-judge bench headed by Chief Justice if India N V Ramana and justices Surya Kant and Hima Kohli on Thursday. The court is already seized of two petitions on the controversial farm laws.

After blocking visits of Opposition leaders since Sunday, the state government on Wednesday allowed all parties to send five-member delegations to Lakhimpur. The Congress delegation included chief ministers of Chhattisgarh and Punjab, Bhupesh Baghel and Charanjeet Singh Channi.

Aam Admi Party leader Sanjay Singh, too, went to Lakhimpur and met the families of the deceased farmers. Through his cell phone, AAP chief and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal spoke to the grieving families and assured all help.

The day began with Rahul reaching Lucknow airport along with his two chief ministers. He insisted on using his own vehicle instead of a car provided by the government, for which he had to stage a protest briefly. On his way to Lakhimpur, he picked up Priyanka from a PAC guest house in Sitapur, where she was hitherto under arrest, after her release.

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and Rahul Gandhi sharing the grief of a farmer family in Lakhimpur Kheri, on Wednesday | PTI

No questioning or arrest yet

Neither have the police arrested accused Ashish, son of Union minister Ajay Mishra, nor questioned him yet. "This was a very sensitive issue and with the help of local officers' free, fair and thorough investigation will take place. Action will be taken against the culprits," Additional Director General (law and order) Prashant Kumar said

Before leaving for Lucknow, Rahul alleged that the BJP government was carrying out 'systematic attacks' on the farmers in the country. "Almost all institutions are under the command of the BJP and the RSS. Those who speak against injustice are jailed and those who commit crimes go free," he alleged.

Both Channi and Baghel announced ₹50 lakh ex-gratia relief for the bereaved families.

Later, two Congress leaders Sachin Pilot and Pramod Krishnan were taken into custody when they proceeded separately to Lakhimpur Kheri.

The cremation of all the eight victims of the violence was completed. The government wanted it to be over and for tempers to cool before allowing visits of politicians. P11

Mishra meets Shah, no talk of resignation

ENS @ New Delhi/Lucknow

EMBATTLED junior home minister Ajay Kumar Mishra on Wednesday briefed Union home minister Amit Shah in person on the Lakhimpur Kheri violence, but the question of his resignation did not figure in the meeting, sources said.

This was their first meeting after Sunday's violent face-off in the village. Mishra's son Ashish has been booked for for allegedly mowing down four farmers on that ill-fated day.

The Opposition has been demanding the resignation of Mishra, who has denied allegations of his son's role. "There was no mention of resignation during the meeting. Neither was it offered nor asked for," sources said.

Meanwhile, an event by the government's police think tank Bureau of Police Research and Development, scheduled for Thursday in which Mishra was to be the chief guest was cancelled. A media officer for the BPR&D said the programme was put on "hold".

Sources said the Yogi government sent a detailed report on the violence to the Union home ministry on Wednesday.

LPG price up, nears ₹1,000 in some cities

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

NON-subsidised liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) prices were raised by ₹15 on Wednesday, taking the price close to ₹1,000 in some cities.

A 14.2 kg cylinder will now cost ₹899.50 each in Delhi and Mumbai, ₹911 in Kolkata, ₹900.50 in Chennai and ₹902.50 in Bengaluru. In Patna, the price has touched ₹983.

Oil marketing companies had raised prices by ₹25. In the past one year, LPG prices have surged a whopping 50%. This increase is mainly attributed to the rise in international prices of the fuel.

The price of LPG sold by Saudi Arabia, one of India's biggest suppliers of LPG, has gone up from $483 a tonne in May to $797 in October. According to experts, Saudi Arabia is likely to raise the price even further.

Petrol and diesel prices were also increased on Wednesday. Petrol price was raised by 26-30 paise and diesel by 34-37 paise across the country on the back of crude oil soaring to 2014 highs in the global market.

Petrol price in Delhi rose to its highest ever level of ₹102.94 per litre, while it jumped to ₹108.96 in Mumbai. In Bengaluru, petrol prices soared to ₹106.48. The price of diesel in Bengaluru went up to ₹96.99.

Meanwhile, the price of piped natural gas has also gone up by ₹2 to ₹32.67 per standard cubic metre of gas.

Child trafficking ring busted, 11 kids rescued

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

OFFICERS of the Anti-Human Trafficking Cell of the South Division Police busted a nexus involved in the purchase and sale of newborns, and have arrested five people, including two women. Eleven children who were sold have been rescued, while those who had purchased the children have come forward to adopt them legally.

The police, probing the kidnapping of a newborn from the BBMP Maternity Home in Chamarajpet in June last year, had learnt about the gang that was active in buying and selling newborns. The police arrested a woman who had come from Mumbai to sell an infant in Bengaluru.

"While probing the case, the house of the accused, who succumbed to Covid, was searched and 28 mothers' cards were found. Further investigation revealed that the cards were issued by a private hospital in Kengeri, which was shut down several months ago. It was found that a nurse and a compounder had stolen the cards and had issued them to the accused using the seal and forging doctors' signatures," the police said.

Police teams gathered information about the other accused and arrested five persons – Devi Shanmugamma, Mahesh Kumar, Ranjana Deviprasad, Janardhan and Dhanalakshmi. CONTINUED ON: P9

EXPRESS READ

House collapse in B'gavi village kills 7

BELAGAVI: Seven members of a family, including two children, died after their house collapsed at Badalankalgi village after heavy rain lashed several parts of the district on Wednesday evening. All the deceased belonged to the Khangavi family. While five died on the spot, two succumbed en route to hospital. P8

Row over naming park after Fr Swamy

MANGALURU: St Aloysius College's plan to name a park after activist late Fr Stan Swamy has not down well with the VHP, Bajrang Dal and ABVP, which have vowed to not allow it at 'any cost'. The park is located on the college's Beeri campus on the outskirts of Mangaluru. P9

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

Government of Karnataka

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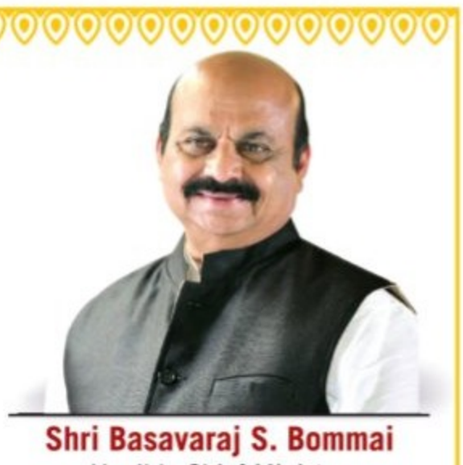
Shri Basavaraj S. Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister

Inauguration

by offering pooja to

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Nada Habba

Date : 07-10-2021, Thursday, 08:15 AM to 8:45 AM

Venue : Sri Chamundeshwari Temple, Chamundi Hills.

In the August presence of

Sri Prahlad Joshi
Hon'ble Minister of Coal & Mines and Parliamentary Affairs Government of India

Sri Basavaraj S. Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister Government of Karnataka

Sri Rajeev Chandrasekhar
Hon'ble Minister of State for Skill Development, Entrepreneurship, Livelihood and Information Technology, Government of India

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Hon'ble Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment Government of India

Sri Bhagawanth Khuba
Hon'ble Minister of State for Chemicals, Fertilizers and Renewable Energy, Government of India

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Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly Chamundeshwari Constituency

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Sri S. Somashekhar
Hon'ble Minister of Cooperation and Incharge Minister for Mysuru

Sri V. Sunil Kumar
Hon'ble Minister of Kannada & Culture and Energy

Smt. Shashikala Annasaheb Jolle
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Sri Anand Singh
Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Ecology and Tourism

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Hon'ble Minister of Revenue

Sri B.C. Patil
Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture

Sri Arabail Shivaram Hebbar
Hon'ble Minister of Labour

Sri B. Basavaraj (Byrathi)
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Dr. K. Sudhakar
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Ritu: Sharad • Masa: Ashwayuja • Paksha: Shukla • Tithi: Prathami 3.08 pm
Nakshatra: Chittha 11.53 pm • Moon in Tula Rashi • Rahukaala: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm
Gulikakala: 09:00 am to 10:30 am • Yamaganda: 03:00 am to 04:30 am

WEATHER
MIN 20°C | MAX 28°C
FORECAST
Light showers. Cloudy

Sunrise 6.09 am
Sunset 6.05 pm
Moonrise 6.48 am
Moonset 6.49 pm

So far, Karnataka has recorded 37.6mm of rainfall between October 1 and 5. People performing rituals during Mahalaya Amavasya on Wednesday in Bengaluru

RAIN LIKELY THROUGH WEEKEND

Cyclonic system over Bay to keep city wet and dark

Palike struggles to keep roads free of water, fallen trees

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

DARK clouds and dreary weather are likely to hold through the festive weekend in Bengaluru, with a cyclonic circulation over southwest Bay of Bengal moving inland. Light to moderate rain is possible over south interior Karnataka, including Bengaluru, till October 10.

The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has warned that parts of Karnataka, especially the coastal districts, will be in for some heavy rainfall for the next two days. On Thursday, Uttara Kannada, Udupi and Dakshina Kannada will be placed under 'Yellow watch' for the next 48 hours, the IMD said.

Bengaluru had a nightmarish experience on Sunday, when heavy rain had resulted in a deluge, with water gushing into several houses, mainly in RR Nagar.

A lengthy spell of rain, from late Tuesday night well into Wednesday morning, and light rain again till evening, kept BBMP officials on their toes, as they monitored complaints and calls, and tried to fill up potholes in some areas. The control room is said to have received 35 complaints, but no casualties were reported. The highest number of complaints were from Dasarahalli zone, with 14 calls. Complaints of waterlogging and uprooted trees poured in from DVG Road, Basavanagudi, Girinagar 6th Block, Magadi Road police station quarters, Byappanahalli and Peenya TVS Cross, which the BBMP claimed it addressed.

However, waterlogging was reported in several areas, especially under flyovers. Cantonment Railway Station, Mahadevapura Metro underpass, Sampige Road, near Mantri Mall, roads in Rajajinagar, Krishnarajapura and Ramamurthy Nagar were waterlogged. Several motorists struggled to navigate through these roads, on their way to work.

ROAD CAVES IN NEAR METRO PILLAR

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE@Bengaluru

Heavy rain and flooding under the Bengaluru-Mysuru highway led to a portion of road caving in near a pillar of the Jnanabharathi Metro station on Wednesday. The station figures on the Metro line between Mysuru Road and Kengeri of Phase-II launched on August 29 this year. Though there was no structural damage to the pillar (no. 469), the steady rain since Sunday caused erosion of the road, said an official release by Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL). According to a senior Metro official, "The road caved in just 1.5 feet and it was a minor sink hole."

A portion of road caved in near a pillar of the Jnanabharathi Metro Station

TBM Bhadra back in action at slow speed

BENGALURU: Tunnel Boring Machine(TBM) `Bhadra' which had stopped tunnelling work on September 30 due to a sinkhole, has resumed its operations but at a slow speed. The TBM was tunnelling from Venkateshpura to Tannery Road Metro stations when a sinkhole appeared at a spot 110 metres from its point of origination on Thursday. BMRCL managing director Anjum Parwez told TNIE, "Bhadra resumed tunnelling on Tuesday but was operating very slowly."

ARKAVATHY LAYOUT

Panel to check if exclusion of land is legal

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

UPHOLDING the acquisition of land for formation of Arkavathy Layout by the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA), the Karnataka High Court constituted a three-member committee headed by a retired judge to examine whether exclusion of 983.12 acres of land by the State Government, was in accordance with the law laid down by the High Court and the Supreme Court. The exclusion was subsequent to the final notification issued in 2004, and before issuance of notification in 2014 for re-modification of the layout.

"All deletions or de-notifications recommended or prepared by the BDA or government, are subject to certification or approval by the Committee, to the effect that such deletion of land is in accordance with the law laid down by the division bench of the High Court, and directions issued by the Supreme Court," said Justice Aravind Kumar, disposing of a batch of petitions questioning land acquisition.

The court directed the committee, comprising former High Court judge Justice KN Keshavanarayana, ex-IAS officer Sandeep Dave and IPS officer NS Megharikh, to submit the report to BDA. The court directed the committee to carry out inspection of 16 villages where land has been acquired for Arkavathy Layout.

On receiving the report from the committee after inspection, the court asked BDA to expeditiously -- not later than a month -- execute the lease-cum-sale agreement or absolute sale deed, as the case may be, by confirming the possession of such sites having been handed over or delivered to the allottees.

"The committee should examine whether on layout/s formed by Housing Cooperative Societies or House Building Cooperative Societies, or registered union or association wherein sites have been formed and allotted to its members, wherein buildings have come up by conducting spot inspection. If the committee is of the view that it is a self-contained layout, a report to said effect should be submitted to BDA, upon which the BDA should delete the said lands from acquisition", the court said.

LIFESTYLE DESTINATION

BACL gets foreign architectural consultants for integrated RDE Village

UK, Singapore pros to design KIA retail village

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

BANGALORE Airport City Limited (BACL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL), has appointed DP Architects Singapore, and Portland Design, UK, as its architectural consultants for its integrated Retail-Dining-Entertainment (RDE) village.

The RDE Village was built with a vision to create a retail and lifestyle destination for those with a millennial mindset. It would be strategically located adjacent to the Concert Arena and Convention and Exhibition Centre, the release said. The project will be developed on 23 acres, over a built-up area of 1.1 million sqft.

"The RDE Village will be distinguished through unique experiences... This development will bring unforgettable global experiences like Times Square in New York, Las Vegas, Marina Bay Sands Singapore, to Bengaluru," it said.

Portland UK is an award-winning design consultancy with offices in London, Dubai and Istanbul, while DP Architects Singapore is a leading multi-disciplinary design practice in Asia with 16 global offices from Shanghai to London, the release added.

'Space race will lead to new planet, challenges'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @
Bengaluru:

With two American business magnates, Elon Musk and Jeff Bezos, playing for a presence in space and on planets beyond Earth, Uday Kotak, Managing Director and CEO of Kotak Mahindra Bank, sees unique challenges, alongside opportunities -- the creation of a completely new set of haves and have-nots. "We can see in front of us a race to a new planet," Kotak said on Wednesday.

"We are on the verge of a whole new planet of opportunities and challenges, like we have never seen before," he told students of Indian Institute of Science at their virtual convocation.

Kotak said this divide creates a huge challenge for large swathes of humanity to cope with the new world.

He put the onus of bringing more participants on board the new planet, on institutes like IISc, which he considers a symbol of leadership in the future. People who can make change happen have a significant social responsibility, he added. "I continue to share my concern for the broader challenges we will face on a new planet, and how we move towards a fair and equitable society while embracing science and technology to its best," Kotak added.

Some of the brightest minds in society who should have done a lot more, struggle because of challenges they have in team play and Emotional Quotient

Uday Kotak, MD and CEO of Kotak Mahindra Bank

In his advice to students, he said it was critical to be team players and develop leadership qualities with high EQ, along with being good in their skills. "Some of the brightest minds in society who should have done a lot more, struggle because of challenges they have in team play and Emotional Quotient," Kotak added. "Keep the qualities of humility, sincerity and be true to a cause because you are going to be the people who will be changing this planet for a new world," he added.

IISc convocation for two cohorts

IISc conferred degrees on graduates of the years 2020 and 2021, in which 1,832 PhD and Master's students, and 204 undergraduate students received their degrees. As many as 110 students were given medals for academic excellence, with girls making up a very small number.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

07th October : My sign of the day is Scorpio, a region of the sky associated with deep passions. It's a sign under which one can draw one phase of life to a close and launch another. And all of us were born with it somewhere in our horoscopes. And that means that today every one of us can improve our lives in some small way.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
No matter how anxious you may be to get certain enterprises underway, there's no need to hurry. Recent hold-ups have made you impatient, and rightly so, but you have until the end of the year to make a fresh start. Pick your own time and don't be rushed.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Do you imagine that you have had to abandon a number of projects because of a lack of understanding or sympathy from other people? If so, you are not looking honestly at your part in events. But, then, why should you? Sometimes you can just relax and stay as you are.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Adverse or challenging aspects recently have made you feel that the world has been out to get you. However, the best way to keep your spirits up is to realise that beneath it all, people really are on your side. There seems to be some chance of mechanical difficulties around today, so check for problems.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Saturn advises caution and restraint for a little while longer, advice which may not suit your imaginative and ambitious plans. Still, if you allow events to take their own course, your ideas will have time to mature. You may feel as if you're carrying the world on your shoulders. But that just shows how strong you are, doesn't it?

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Current planetary transits should leave you jumping for joy. The planets are rearranging themselves in such a way that tension and pressure will be relieved while pleasure and enjoyment should be enhanced. A child may be feeling shaken, even though they may not be showing it, so be considerate.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
As the Sun, and then Mercury, align themselves with the angle of your horoscope ruling your home, domestic considerations will become more and more of an issue. Some of you may be considering a move in the near future, or a similar improvement in your home conditions. There is some way to go yet, though.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Sometimes the planets have to be firm to be kind, and what they are planning now is a change of tack in joint financial affairs. The deadline looms but probably not until next week at the earliest, so you've plenty of time to take the necessary action.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Your biggest weakness at the moment may be complacency. Do not relax your guard for one moment, at least not until you are absolutely sure that you are out of danger. Partners may wrongly accuse you of letting them down, but perhaps they should have done more for themselves!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
You may wait until after tomorrow if you want to broach sensitive emotional issues. Today, you should make sure that partners are prepared to listen to what you are planning to say. Above all, be tolerant. After all, you may just be responsible for the problems you criticise in others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
You may still feel rather isolated, never a pleasant sensation. However, if you are separated from those you love and care for, why not do something about it? You may be surprised by the welcome response you receive. It will be pleasant to discover how popular you are.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
It may be time to clear away some of the debris that still seems to be cluttering up your life after recent emotional traumas. Focus on professional and career relationships, as these are where you will gain. Remember, if your dreams are to come true, you'll have to pay for them!

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Overall, it's a positive moment. There haven't been many years when you can remember being so concerned about personal matters but, even though you have faced obstacles in the past, it is finally beginning to look as if your path is clear. And that just has to be cause for rejoicing.

THE PHANTOM

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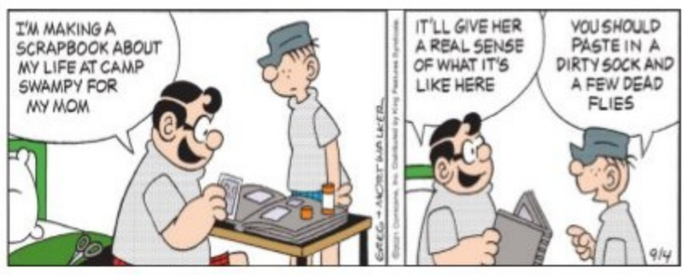
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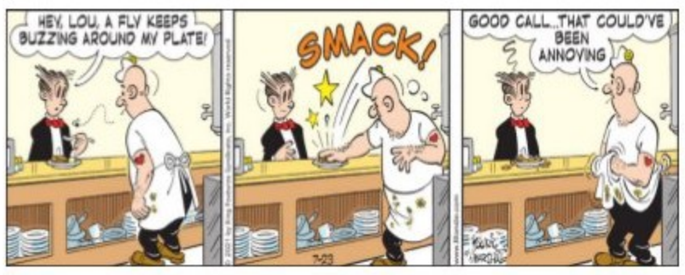

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Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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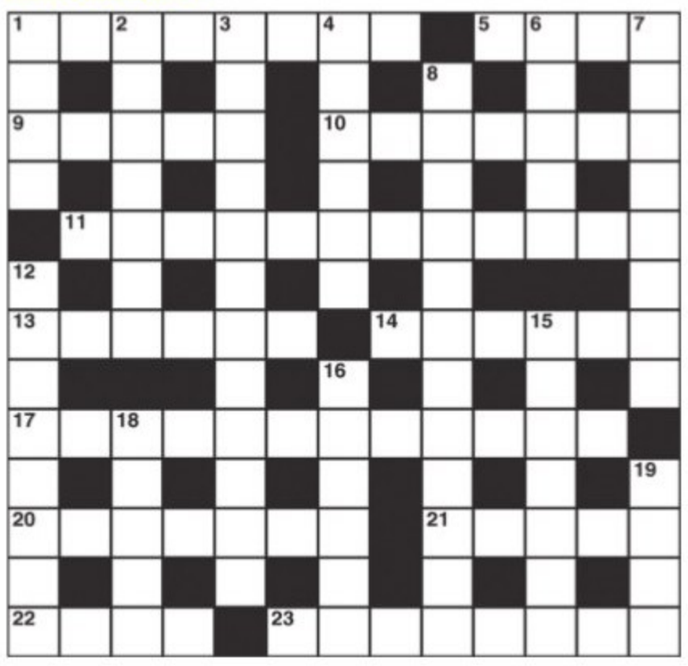

ACROSS

1 Its aim is to produce winners of course (4,4)
5 Cutting reminder? (4)
9 Some vestige of sanctity (5)
10 Intriguing designs (7)
11 Not to be found in a minute (3,3,6)
13 Could be used to put out (6)
14 Change a car if the breakdown is incontinent (6)
17 One will get nothing but pleasure from this task (6,2,4)
20 Not reluctant to be leaving things behind (7)
21 Is in good time but nearly loses a point (5)
22 Rush animal from the rear (4)
23 Theatre employees - qualified in first aid? (8)

DOWN

1 Kind holy man has a heart of gold (4)
2 Has a cheering effect knowing one need not climb stairs (7)
3 Confront the orchestra - or the critics (4,3,5)
4 Had a break from the desert (6)
6 It was meant to be decorative but came to nothing (5)
7 Used rail transport and left (8)
8 Encourage satiety and good spirits (12)
12 One after another (8)
15 Poetic opposite (7)
16 He makes a false impression (6)
18 Swelling from blowing bugle (5)
19 A vote in favour of those in favour (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Coast road, 8 Aroma, 9 Pep talk, 10 Putrid, 11 Lamina, 12 Demerara, 15 Islander, 18 Rattle, 20 Worlds, 21 Talents, 22 Irene, 23 Scientist.

Down: 2 Opera, 3 Sits in, 4 Reloaded, 5 Danube, 6 Doormat, 7 Card table, 11 Lie in wait, 13 Marriage, 14 Gloried, 16 Nudges, 17 Attest, 19 Lotus.

JUMBLE By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

TYNER

DBEIA

NSOLOE

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I thought it wouldn't wrinkle if it was folded.
Just use the iron to get rid of those.
IT WAS CLEAR THE SHIRT HAD BEEN FOLDED, BUT AFTER BEING IRONED, THE WRINKLES WOULD ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

Print answer here:

ANSWERS TOMORROW

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Kittur Utsav from Oct 23

Water Resources Minister Govind Karjol on Wednesday said that 'Kittur Utsav' will be celebrated for two days from October 23. Normally, the festival is organised for three days, but this year it has been reduced to two days owing to the Covid-19 pandemic

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bomai greets a gathering at the valedictory ceremony of Modi Yug Utsav in Mysuru on Wednesday. Minister Byrathi Basavaraj (extreme right) and MLA SA Ramadass look on | UDAYSHANKAR S

CM: Task force to look into B'luru's potholed roads

Decries Ch'nagar jinx theory, asks if those who avoided visit have power permanently

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

IN the wake of public criticism over potholes-ridden roads in Bengaluru, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has assured that the government will come out with a permanent solution to improve the quality of roads in low-lying areas. "A task force has been formed to study the quality of roads, including when a road was laid and the quality of work undertaken. We will act and blacklist the contractors if the works are substandard," he added.

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>
> Basavaraj Bommai, CM

Speaking to media persons here, he noted that discussions on the poor quality of roads come up only during the rainy season and added that the government intends to find a permanent solution by improving the quality of roads. Areas that get inundated in rains will be identified and residents rehabilitated, and encroachments on tanks and roads will be cleared, he emphasised.

To a question on the Chamarajanagar jinx, Bommai said he treats the border district like any other district and had planned to visit the district on many occasions. Stating that he intends to disprove that those visiting Chamarajanagar will lose office, he questioned whether those who had avoided making a visit to the district had remained in power forever. Clarifying that he has no such fears, he said that it is his responsibility as Chief Minister and will visit the district.

Stressing that Dasara is being celebrated in a low-key manner due to the Covid-19 pandemic situation, Bommai said that the government is celebrating the festival without breaking tradition. He also hoped that the state can celebrate the 10-day Naada Habba in a grand manner next year.

JDS MLA turns up at BJP event, raises eyebrows

Mysuru: JDS MLA **Sa Ra Mahesh** sprung a surprise on Wednesday by taking part in the 'Modi Yug Utsav' organised by BJP Krishnaraja MLA S A Ramadass. KR Nagar MLA Mahesh was welcomed with a saffron shawl during valedictory ceremony, which saw participation of CM Basavaraj Bommai and other BJP leaders.Mahesh's participation in the event at a time when his party leader H D Kumaraswamy has launched a tirade against RSS and BJP has raised eyebrows. The CM even referred to Mahesh as "a person who was supposed to be in our party, is in another party, but still he is 'our man'." he said. Recalling that he had met JDS supremo H D Deve Gowda, the CM remarked that the JDS has played saviour in times of need.

LAKHIMPUR KHERI INCIDENT

Kharge demands probe by sitting SC judge

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

OPPOSITION leader in the Rajya Sabha, Mallikarjun Kharge, on Wednesday sought a probe by a sitting Supreme Court judge into the Lakhimpur Kheri incident that left eight people dead.

Speaking to the media at the KPCC office here, the senior Congress leader demanded that Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Ajay Mishra Theni be sacked for "misrepresentation of facts" and also pressed for the immediate arrest of his son Ashish. The Uttar Pradesh police has registered a case against Ashish, but no arrest has been made so far.

He said that action should be initiated against those who are trying to shield the culprits. Kharge said although eyewitnesses have said that Ashish was in one of the vehicles that ploughed into a gathering of farmers and was seated on the left of the driver, he is yet to be arrested. He also hit out at Ajay and Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar for "instigating attacks on farmers." "Senior Supreme Court advocate Dushyant Dave has said that the statements made by Khattar and Ajay Mishra are seditious in nature," he said.

'RSS is infiltrating all sectors'

Kharge said the RSS was "infiltrating" all sectors, including education, and said his fight against the organisation cost him his Lok Sabha seat in the 2019 General Elections. "RSS is infiltrating everywhere. Many officers are directly recruited, amending the rule and that many (people) are deprived of reservation...." Kharge said.

On Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra's detention, Kharge said former Supreme Court judge Madan Lokur has called the arrest "illegal" and "unconstitutional". He said the rest house where Priyanka had been detained should be converted into a sub-jail for her detention to become legal.

He questioned why Congress leaders were not allowed to meet the families of the victims. "PM Modi was in Lucknow... and he did not go to Lakhimpur Kheri," he added. He recalled how the Hathras rape victim's body was disposed of by the UP administration. "They (referring to Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath) wear sadhu clothes and do such things," he taunted.

President Ram Nath Kovind accompanied by his wife Savita Kovind and Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot, greets invitees at a tea party at Raj Bhavan on Wednesday

President arrives on 3-day Karnataka tour

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PRESIDENT Ram Nath Kovind arrived in Bengaluru on Wednesday for a three-day official visit to the state. On Thursday morning, the President will visit Sri Biligiriranganathaswamy Temple in BR Hills in Chamarajnagar district. He will inaugurate a 450-bed government teaching hospital of Chamarajnagar Institute of Medical Sciences (CIMS), Chamarajnagar, at 3.30 pm on Thursday. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar too will be present. The President will reach Mangaluru at 7 pm. On Friday morning, he will visit Dakshinamnaya Sri Sharada Peetham and Shankara Advaita Shoda Kendra (Shankara Advaita Research Centre) Sringeri, Chikkamagaluru district, and return to New Delhi at 8 pm.

Meanwhile, Energy Minister Sunil Kumar, who met the President at Raj Bhavan on Wednesday evening presented him the English translation of Kuvempu's "Sri Ramayana Darshanam" and SL Bhyrappa's "Parva."

WATER CONTAMINATION DEATHS

2 officials suspended, govt orders inquiry

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR @ Hosapete

THE Vijayanagara district administration has suspended two officials of Hoovina Hadagali taluk after a series of deaths were reported in Makarabbi village owing to consumption of contaminated water over the last 20 days.

Vijayanagara Zilla Panchayat CEO K R Nandini issued orders suspending Junior Engineer Vijay Naik and Panchayat Development Officer Sharanappa M. Three health officials have also been served notice for lapses.

District Health Officer Dr Janardhana H L, along with other Health Department officials, visited the village where a temporary hospital has been set up. In the last 20 days, as many as 150 people have been treated in various hospitals after consuming contaminated water.

So far, three confirmed deaths have been reported from the village and, in the last 48 hours, two more suspected deaths have been recorded. "The district administration is waiting for the lab report. Hence, the final numbers are yet to be announced," said a source. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has appointed a commission to conduct an inquiry into the incident and announced ₹3 lakh compensation to each of the families of the deceased.

ZP CEO Nandini said that as per the directives of the government, two officials — who neglected the incident even after being directed by the administration — have been suspended. "The suspended engineer works in the water supply board for Makarabbi village. The government had sought a ground report and we have already submitted it," she said.

Protest against PDOs' suspension

Villagers staged a protest demanding revocation of the PDO's suspension and locked the gram panchayat office. They said the PDO has done good work during the recent crisis and added that it will be difficult for the new person to handle the situation.

Valmikis set October 20 deadline for hiking quota

ENS @ Davanagere

SRI Prasannananda Swami of the Valmiki community on Wednesday set a October 20 deadline for the State Government to increase reservation to 7.5 per cent failing which their agitation will be intensified.

The seer, who had called for a meeting of the community last Sunday, said the issue of increasing quota has been pending for the last several years. Questioning the 10 per cent reservation given to economically weaker sections, he said, "Why should not our community get 7.5 per cent reservation in education and employment? The government shouldn't test the patience of the community."

Jagalur MLA S V Ramachandra told *TNIE* that various issues pertaining to the community were discussed at Sunday's meeting. Maski MLA Basanagouda Turvihal, H D Kote MLA Anil Chikkamadu, Raichur Rural MLA Basanagouda Daddal, Siruguppa MLA Somalingappa, Ballari MP Devendrappa and others took part in Sunday's meeting.

HDK's comments on RSS spark furore

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

FORMER chief minister H D Kumaraswamy, who has been accused of going soft on the Bharatiya Janata Party, especially the Basavaraj Bommai-led government in Karnataka, has seemingly changed his stance in the light of the bypolls to the Hanagal and Sindagi Assembly seats.

In a series of his tweets, Kumaraswamy not only questioned the RSS for not responding to the issue of price rise of essential commodities but also alleged in one of his tweets that the organisation had promoted nepotism.

"In the guise of service, the institution should not indulge in politics. It should safeguard peace in society instead of setting it on fire. The world knows what the RSS has been doing since its inception," Kumaraswamy tweeted. He had also alleged that over 4,000 IAS and IPS officers in the country are RSS karyakartas.

On Wednesday,the BJP mounted an attack, accusing the former Chief Minister of trying to appease a section of people. Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Minister K S Eshwarappa shot back saying, "If RSS helps economically poor aspirants of IAS and IPS with regard to training, what is wrong in it? Kumaraswamy is still under the illusion that he will get Christian votes if he criticises the RSS. When both Muslim and Christain nations stood with Pakistan, it was Prime Minister Narendra Modi, also an RSS worker, who took most of the nations into the confidence and made India stand strong on the world stage. Kumaraswamy needs to understand this."

Public Works Minister C C Patil tweeted, "It has become a habit for certain politicians to attack the RSS in order to appease a section of people. Since bypolls are approaching, Kumaraswamy too has caught the habit." Animal Husbandry Minister Prabhu Chavan too joined in saying that India would have become Pakistan had it not been for the RSS. Water Resources Minister Govind Karjol said those who are unaware of RSS culture are making baseless statements for publicity.

Taunting the former CM, BJP state president Nalin Kumar Kateel said, "There are many RSS workers in the JDS too. Kumaraswamy should let us know who P G R Sindhia is. The Congress also has RSS workers. But the RSS never aimed at creating bureaucrats."

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JDS goes all out to burnish secular image, hold its Muslim votebank

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

THE JDS appears to have its election strategy drawn up: by picking Muslim candidates for the Hanagal and Sindagi assembly bypolls, the party is looking to capture the minority vote bank which was traditionally with the Congress.

It is also trying to reclaim its image of a secular party. This could be a bid to make amends with a community which was getting wary of the party, which of late has been accused of a decided tilt towards the BJP. Realising this could endanger its Muslim vote, the party appears to have adopted a correction course. This was also borne out by former chief minister H D Kumaraswamy's twitter attack on the RSS — by walking the tightrope, he is keeping everyone guessing.

The recent seven-day workshop of the JDS showcased its inclusiveness, as separate meetings of minorities, backward classes and SC community gave an impetus to its claim of a secular party. While the JDS is overtly appeasing Muslims, it is not likely to win the October 30 bypolls but appears ready to take this risk. The party announced two little-known candidates — Naziya Shakeel Ahmed Angadi for Sindagi and Niyaz Sheik for Hanagal — with an eye on the 35,000-plus Muslim votes.

With this indirect challenge to 'secular' arch-rival Congress, the party will also play spoiler, as it did in the Basavakalyan bypoll in May 2021. By giving the ticket to Syed Yasrab Ali Quadri, who was earlier with the Congress, the party managed to garner over 11,000 votes, eventually helping the BJP win.

Interestingly, the 'secular' arch-rivals tasted success when the JDS-Congress alliance government led by Kumaraswamy won the November 2018 LS bypolls, with Congress' V S Ugrappa winning Ballari and JDS' L R Shivarame Gowda taking Mandya. The alliance worked in the Assembly bypolls too, with Anitha Kumaraswamy winning Ramanagara, and Anand Nyamagouda retaining Jamakhandi for the Congress. This bonhomie was short-lived after the collapse of the alliance government.

Small parties say no to bypolls

The Aam Aadmi Party and Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) which contested the recent city corporation polls in Belagavi, Kalaburagi and Hubballi-Dharwad, are not contesting the bypolls. "It's a prestige issue for the BJP and Congress, and they will pump in huge money. We don't want to be pawns in their game," remarked BSP state president Dr Krishnamurthy.

A PLAN TO FOLLOW

K'taka's vet ambulance service moo-ves 14 states to action

Karnataka will get 275 more veterinary ambulances, with one to be assigned to each taluk. Each vehicle will have a veterinary doctor, an assistant and a driver

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KARNATAKA'S ambulance service for the livestock -- Pashu Sanjeevini -- is being emulated by other states across the country, said Animal Husbandry Minister Prabhu Chauhan here on Wednesday. Followed by the success of the service, the government is now planning to launch mobile veterinary operation theatres soon. Running each of these vehicles will cost Rs 16 lakh per annum and it will be managed under public-private partnership. Of the Rs 50 crore needed to maintain the system, 40 per cent will be provided by the State.

Chauhan said the Union Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Sanjiv Kumar Balyan had appreciated the veterinary ambulance initiative and said similar projects will be launched in other states. The State will get 275 more veterinary ambulances, which will be assigned one per taluk, and the Centre is releasing Rs 44 crore. Each vehicle will have a veterinary doctor, an assistant and a driver who will go to the doorsteps of farmers, the minster said.

Elected representatives from across parties have appealed to the government to start the service in their constituencies. "We kept in constant touch with Union Cabinet Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Parshottam Rupala and Balyan and got 275 ambulances sanctioned under the national disease control programme," he said.

On the foot-and-mouth disease among cattle, which was raging a few days ago, he said it has been brought under control. In all, 50 lakh vaccines, which have been supplied by the Union Government, have been set aside to combat the disease. The doses will be dispatched wherever required, he added.

Dakshina Kannada district administration has made Covid-19 vaccination certificate mandatory for devotees to enter the temples in the district during the ensuing Dasara season. Only those who have taken both the doses will be allowed to enter the premises

Bharat Biotech submits paediatric vax data

Awaits DCGI approval; first vaccine to be tested on 2-6 year age group, likely to be available next month

CHETANA BELAGERE @ Bengaluru

BHARAT Biotech, the developer of the indigenously developed Covid-19 vaccine Covaxin, is said to have submitted its Phase II/III clinical trials data to drug regulator, Drugs Control General of India (DCGI). With this, the wait for a paediatric Covid-19 vaccine for children aged over 2 years may soon be over, if DCGI approves Covaxin for use.

According to the company's spokesperson, the paediatric trial data of the 2-18 age group was analysed and has been submitted to the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO). It may be noted that Bharat Biotech Chairman and Managing Director Dr Krishna Ella recently met Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya and told him that trial data will be submitted soon. Karnataka Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar, who was present at the meet, had told the media about the same.

The paediatric Covaxin is the same product and presentation as the vaccine being administered to adults. The company claims that Covaxin is the first Covid-19 vaccine to be tested on the 2-6 year age group. "This is

feasible due to the safety of the manufacturing platform and empirical evidence from Phase I, II, III clinical trials in adults," the company statement said.

As part of the Phase II/III trial, the two-dose Covaxin was administered to 525 children, 28 days apart. Bharat Biotech had received the drug regulators' nod to conduct trial on children in May this year.

Sudhakar had said that vaccines for kids could be available next month. In Karnataka, 90 children from Mysuru's Cheluvamba Hospital, attached to Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMCRI), were part of the trial. It is one among the five medical institutions that were part of the trial. Dr Pradeep N, Principal Investigator and Associate Professor, Department of Paediatrics, MMCRI, had earlier told *TNIE* that the children had completed three trials and were healthy and fine.

Covaxin was developed by Bharat Biotech along with the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and National Institute of Virology (NIV), Pune.

It may be noted that Zydus Cadila's DNA vaccine has been approved for children aged 12 years and above. It is yet to be available in the market. Meanwhile, Serum Institute of India is also conducting trials on children for the Novavax vaccine (Covovax) and recently started trials on 7-11 year old children.

TRACKING COVID-19

SPEED AND RISE OF COVID-19 CASES IN KARNATAKA

523 CASES REPORTED TODAY

523 CASES REPORTED YESTERDAY

TODAY	29,79,331
YESTERDAY	29,78,808

DEATHS

TODAY	YESTERDAY
9	14

The first Covid-19 case in Karnataka was reported on March 8, 2020. Since then until October 6, 2021, a total of 29,79,331 cases have been reported in 1 year and 211 days...

DISCHARGES

TODAY	YESTERDAY
621	575

Active cases

TODAY	11,819
YESTERDAY	11,926

POSITIVITY RATE

TODAY	6.17%
YESTERDAY	6.18%

The day positivity rate – **0.39%** – is calculated as the number of patients testing positive out of 100 tests conducted only in a day.

MORTALITY RATE

TODAY	1.27%
YESTERDAY	1.27%

RECOVERY RATE

TODAY	98.33%
YESTERDAY	98.32%

DISTRICT-WISE COVID CASES

LAST 24 HOURS

205 BENGALURU URBAN

9 BENGALURU RURAL

Bagalkot	1
Ballari	6
Belagavi	5
Bidar	2
Chamarajanagar	2
Chikkaballapur	0
Chikkamagaluru	7
Chitradurga	6
Dakshina Kannada	43
Davanagere	3
Dharwad	4
Gadag	2
Hassan	50
Haveri	0
Kalaburagi	0
Kodagu	11
Kolar	3
Koppal	1
Mandya	18
Mysuru	62
Raichur	1
Ramanagara	4
Shivamogga	21
Tumakuru	28
Udupi	16
Uttara Kannada	13
Vijayapura	0
Yadgir	0

BBMP issues Covid-19 guidelines for Durga Puja

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

WITH a number of associations requesting permission to celebrate Durga Puja, the BBMP on Wednesday issued fresh guidelines, keeping in mind Covid-19 norms, and restricted gatherings to 50 at the time of prayers.

In Bengaluru, Durga Puja celebrations will be held from October 11 to 15. The BBMP order bans the distribution of sweets, fruits and flowers. Separate guidelines have been issued for prayers, Debi Boron (visarjan) and for installation of idols.

"One idol should be installed per ward, with the permission of the Joint Commissioner of the zone. Only basic prayers and rituals are allowed. No more than 50 people should be present at the venue during prayers. The Association organising the event should ensure that Covid-appropriate behaviour is followed," read the order by BBMP Chief Commissioner Gaurav Gupta.

Dr CN Manjunath, Director, Jayadeva Hospital, and member of the Technical Advisory Committee, said, "The next 90 days are crucial, after which if there is no rise in cases, we can consider that the pandemic has turned endemic. But festival gatherings should definitely be limited and Covid protocol followed strictly."

PUSHPANJALI (PRAYERS)

- Only basic prayers, rituals allowed
- Not more than 50 people allowed at a time
- Distribution of sweets, fruits, flowers prohibited
- Association management should strictly monitor, adhere to Covid-appropriate behaviour

FOR IDOLS

- Size should not exceed 4 feet
- Should be sanitised thoroughly before installation

DEBI BORON (VISARJAN)

- Association should not allow more than 10 members at a time
- Queue should follow social distancing
- Sindur Khela to be restricted to 10 members at a time
- DJ, drums not allowed during procession

Covid-recovered patients complain of loss of appetite

ENS @ Bengaluru

NUTRITIONISTS are seeing a trend of post-Covid patients losing their appetite and complaining of gastrointestinal issues weeks after recovery.

Over 25-30% of post-Covid patients have reported such complications. They have been put on medications and are given a diet of protein-rich food to increase appetite.

Dr Shalini Joshi, Senior Consultant, Internal Medicine, Fortis Hospitals, Bannerghatta Road, said that those who lost the sense of taste and smell when infected with Covid are generally the ones who have appetite issues, which further lead to fatigue and weakness in many. "Patients who lose their sense of taste and smell do not feel like eating anything during Covid. Even weeks after recovery, they complain that they cannot eat much and don't feel energetic. Some patients continue to suffer from loss of smell for months. They are are referred to ENT specialists or given zinc tablets for longer time to repair the mucosa in the oral cavity. Nutritional supplements are given," she said. Many patients also suffer from gastrointestinal issues post-Covid. A 44-year-old woman lost more than 6 kg after recovering from Covid as she was suffering from gastritis. She was advised protein-rich bland food with moderate fat and fluids.

Soumita Biswas, Chief Nutritionist, Aster RV Hospital, said, "Many are seen with gastritis, constipation and Gi issues. They are put on small, frequent meals, and asked to choose whole grains, like whole wheat, oats, and red rice instead of refined carbs like white rice and refined flour."

COVID BYTES

Restrictions for Tula Sankramana withdrawn

MADIKERI : Following opposition from residents and various organisations, the restriction imposed for Tula Sankramana at Talacauvery have been withdrawn. The decision to withdraw the curbs was announced by District Minister Kota Srinivas Poojary on Wednesday following a meeting with the Kodagu district administration and people's representatives at the Deputy Commissioner's office in Madikeri. ENS

CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL YADGIR

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E-mail : itstaff_ulb_yadgiri@yahoo.com Website : www.yadgircity.mrc.gov.in

NO: CMY: YDG-E-TEN: HELATH SECTION: 2021-22 DATE:30-09-2021.

TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Municipal Commissioner, City Municipal Council, Yadgir invites tender from Man Power Service SWM Activities as per DPR SFC Fund 2021-22 Grants in Yadgir City as detailed below:

1) INDENT NO : CMC/YDG/HEL/01/2021-22, 2) NAME OF THE WORK : MANPOWER (DRIVERS AND SUPERVISORS/OTHER) FOR SWM ACTIVITIES AS PER DPR OF YADGIR CITY (FOR THE YEAR 2021-22, 3) TENDER AMOUNT : **60.10 LAKHS,** 4) EMD AMOUNT : INSTEAD OF EMD CONTRACTORS NEED TO FILL EMD DECLARATION FORM ONLINE, 5) PERIOD : 12 MONTHS

Interested Man Power Agency shall register on the e-procurement plat form to participate in this tender. Man Power Agency can download the tender documents from the e-procurement platform www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in Tenders shall be submitted electronically at as per www.yadgircity.mrc.gov.in EMD and Tender Processing fee shall also be paid electronically.

Calendar of Events and other information's are as follows:

1) Last Date for Uploading of Completed tender Documents : **02-11-2021 Up to 5.30 PM**,
2) Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids): **04-11-2021 Up to 11.00 AM**

Tender Conditions and further information can be obtained from the said office during working hours. If any changes in the calendar of events and the conditions will be notified on e-procurement portal only.

Sd/- Municipal Commissioner,
C.M.C. Yadgir.

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SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Item No.: I (Owned by Smt. Drakshayanamma):

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing **Sy. No. 153/6, measuring 3 Acre 28.08 Guntas, situated at Hulikunte Village, Doddabelavangala Hobli, Doddaballapur Taluk.** East by: Land bearing Sy. No. 152; West by: Land bearing Sy. No. 155; North by: National Highway; South by: Land bearing Sy. No. 153/2.

Item No.: II (Owned by Smt. Gangambike):

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing **Sy. No.153/2, measuring 2 Acre situated at Hulikunte village, Doddabelavangala Hobli, Doddaballapur Taluk,** East by: Land belongs to Parvathamma; West by: Land belongs to Hanumarangaiah; North by: Land bearing Sy. No. 153/6; South by: Land belongs to Rajanna

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Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

TENDER NOTICE No.RWF/S/P1/012/2021-22 dt 05.10.2021

On behalf of the President of India, Principal Chief Materials Manager invites electronic Tenders from Interested Vendors for supply of the following items on the Indian Railways E-Portal – www.ireps.gov.in. The Tender documents and the Corrigenda to the Tenders, if any, will be available on the Portal only.

Sl No.	Tender No/ Due date	Short Description / Qty
1	P1211822 01-11-21	Box N Axle Journal Cover made of HDPE as per RWF drawing : 122013 Nos
1	P1211822 01-11-21	[1]Cope Retainer as per RWF drawing : 10 Nos [2] Drag Retainer as per RWF drawing : 8 Nos [3] Drag Retaining Ring as per RWF drawing : 10 Nos
1	P1211822 01-11-21	Clay graphite Ingate Sleeves as per RWF specification [1] B21 : 1318 Nos [2] B2 : 604 Nos [3] B3 : 696 Nos [4] B4 : 610 Nos [5] D14 : 328 Nos [6] D17 : 601 Nos [7] D19 : 533 Nos [8] D21 : 551 Nos

Principal Chief Materials Manager

RAIL COACH FACTORY KAPURTHALA

On-line bids are invited by PCMM, RCF on behalf of President of India for following items:-

S. No.	Tender No. & Due Date	Description	Quantity (Nos./Sets)	Earnest Money (Rs.)
1	17211628 / 28.10.2021	Supply and Installation of FRP Modular Toilet (Pre assembled) for LHB First AC and AC 2T, 3T & Composite Coaches.	38 Set 391 Set 358 Set 358 Set	20,00,000 35 Set 35 Set
2	17211620 / 29.10.2021	Set of Metallic Roof Panels for Luggage Compartment for LHB SLR HOG Coaches (31 Seater)	86 Set	70,350/-
3	14211168 / 29.10.2021	Epoxy Based Elastified Top Coat (2 Components)	28073 Litre	81130/-
4	12211359 / 29.10.2021	1) Water Tank Assembly L.H. (390 Litres) 2) Water Tank Assembly L.H. (390 Litres) 3) Water Tank Assembly R.H. (390 Litres)	46 Nos. 232 Nos. 116 Nos.	1,97,780/-
5	12211325 / 01.11.2021	i) Retention Tank for LHB SLR HOG Coaches (Without Flushing Arrangement) ii) (IR-DRDO Bio Digester Retention Tank for LHB EOG Inspection Carriage (Administrative) RA- Coaches iii) Retention Tank for LHB Coaches (Without Flushing Arrangement)	86 Nos. 32 Nos. 195 Nos.	344820/-
6	17211601 / 29.10.2021	Set Items for FRP Trough For LHB AC- Coaches	1646 Set	110980/-
7	17211614 / 01.11.2021	Collapsible Door	177 Nos.	75,330/-
8	17211623 / 01.11.2021	Luggage Rack Mounting for LHB SLR Coach	61 Set	1,30,350/-
9	17211603 / 01.11.2021	Supply and Application of Set of SS Luggage Racks in LHB Parcel Van	77 Set	1,75,070/-
10	17211622 / 01.11.2021	Set of Door Flap Panels for Linen Room of LHB Mail/Express Coaches.	856 Set	1,34,220/-
11	1221337A/ 29.10.2021	Aluminium Extrusion for Ceiling Support L=3800 MM Aluminium Extrusion for Ducting Support L=2500 MM	4850 KG 6060 KG	63270/-
12	12211350/ 29.10.2021	Aluminium Moulding Ex Channel L = 2M Aluminium Moulding Ex EQ Angle L=1.8 M Aluminium Moulding Ex Flat L=1.8 M	3550 Nos. 9420 KG 16380 Nos.	81,550/-
13	07211560 / 29.10.2021	1) Composite Pipe (PE-AL-PE) Size 3240 2) Composite Pipe (PE-AL-PE) Size 1620	8000 Mtr. 74500 Mtr.	99560/-
14	01211257 / 01.11.2021	Air Spring Control for Equipment for BOGIE	2108 Set	2000000
15	01211298 / 02.11.2021	Centring Disc (Two types) 1) 2)	13000 Nos. 12900 Nos.	422720
16	01211316 / 08.11.2021	Rubber Spring Centering	4000 Nos.	NIL
17	01211332/08.11.2021	Spring Pot	2710 Nos.	136040/-
18	01211331/29.10.2021	Security Disc.	13019 Nos.	89530/-
19	01211259 / 22.11.2021	BOGIE Frame Assly. for Air Spring LHB Coaches	2874 Nos.	5000000

(1) For details and making On-line Tenders, visit Website **http://ireps.gov.in** Drawings / Specifications, wherever required can be downloaded from RCF Website : **http://www.rcf.indianrailways.gov.in** Class IIIb digital signature certificate required for on-line bidding, can be obtained from licensed certifying agencies listed at **http://www.cce.gov.in** **(2)** Tenders will close at 14:25 Hrs. on due date and tender will be opened at 14:30 Hrs. **Tenders Sr. No. 1 to 12** will be opened at RCF, Kapurthala and **Tender Sr. No. 13 to 19** will be opened at Tilak Bridge, New Delhi. **(3)** For queries, contact IREPS Helpdesk at 011-24102855, 011-24105180 or RCF helpdesk at 011-23378658.

Note : GST Number of RCF is 03AAAGM0289C1ZT. All the suppliers are advised to quote this in dispatch documents for the supplies made by them. **PCMM**

CORRIGENDUM

(1) The following amendment is authorized against Tender No. 01211297 for **"Traction Center"** Quantity **To be Read as** : 3200 Nos. instead of 2200 Nos. **PCMM**

Notice No : G-RCF / 122-01 / Store / 076 / 2021-22 Dated : 06.10.2021

STATE BANK OF INDIA
Asset Recovery Management Branch, Bengaluru

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"APPENDIX- IV-A
[See proviso to rule 8 (6)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Asset under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest(Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers/guarantor, that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured creditor, Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is"** basis on **26.10.2021** for recovery of **Rs.23,23,893/-** (Rupees Twenty Three Lakhs Twenty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Three Only) as on 04.10.2021+ interest + expenses and costs, due to State Bank of India, Secured creditor from **Smt. Manjula** W/o Shankar and **Sri.Shankar** S/o Kempaiah (Borrower).
The reserve price, earnest money deposit and bid increment amount and last date for receipt of EMD will be as under:-

Property No.	Reserve Price (below which the proeprty will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Bid increment amount
1.	Rs.38,37,000/-	Rs. 3,83,700/-	Rs. 30,000/-

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Tender No : SBI/ARMB/KKR/01
Property– (Title deed holder: Smt. Manjula W/o Shankar**)**
All that piece and parcel of property bearing Assessment No.77/334/22/1 4/5A situated at Nataraja Badavane, Ward No.1 of Magadi Town Municipality, Ramanagara District measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet, totally measuring 1200 Sq.ft. standing in the name of Smt.Manjula W/o Shankar and bounded on East by: Road, West by: Property of Smt.Manjula W/o Kemparaju, North by: Property of Lathanandeeshappa and South by: Property of Jagadeesh.

The sale shall be subject to provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Security Interest (Enforcement)Rules,2002. For further details regarding inspection of the property the intending bidder may contact the Authorised Officer,State Bank of India,Asset Recovery Management Branch, Mysore Bank Building, BKG Complex, A Block, 2nd Floor, Avenue Road, Bengaluru-560009 during office hours, Phone No. 080-25943765 & 25943769 or Bank's approved Resolution Agent, Sri Devi Resolutions Pvt Ltd, Bangalore Representative : Sri.Jagadeesh, Cell No.9902401486.
To the best of knowledge of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on any of the above said properties. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp.

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ARMB, Bengaluru.

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No. ME-3/2021/2101 **Lucknow: Dated : 06.10.2021**

THE TIME SCHEDULE OF FIRST ROUND OF ONLINE COUNSELING OF UP NEET PG-2021

The Time Schedule for the Admission through Online Counseling in the State Uttar Pradesh for Government Dental Colleges/ Private Dental Colleges/Institutions /Universities for Postgraduate (MDS Courses) is as follows:-

Date of Online Registration	07th October, 2021 (From 2:00 PM) to 09th October, 2021 (Till 2:00 PM)
Date of Security Fee deposition	07th October, 2021 to 09th October, 2021
Expected date of declaration of Merit List	09th/10thOctober, 2021
Date of online choice filling	08th October, 2021 (From 2:00 PM) to 12th October, 2021 (Till 2:00 PM)
Declaration of Result of seat allotment	12th/13thOctober, 2021
Date for downloading allotment letters & admission date	16th October, 2021 to 22nd October, 2021 Except Sunday & Government Holidays]

- For PH Candidates, please see the Government of India Notice dated 15.02.2019. The annexure II, of the above notice contains the list of centers which will issue the Disability Certificate. The Notice dated 15.02.2019 of Government of India has also been displayed on the departmental website www.dgmeup.in
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DIRECTOR GENERAL

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The State Government notified the Karnataka Police (Amendment) Act, 2021, on October 5, which banned wagering or betting in connection with any game of chance. The law bans all forms of wagering or betting in connection with any game of chance, except horse racing and lottery.

7 of family die as house collapses in B'gavi village

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Belagavi

SEVEN members of a family, including two children, died after their house collapsed at Badalankalgi village near Belagavi after a heavy rain lashed several parts of the district on Wednesday evening.

All the deceased belonged to the Khangavi family of the village. They have been identified as Gangavva Khangavi (50), Sattevva Khanvavi (45), Puja Khangavi (8), Savita Khangavi (28), Kashevva Koleppanavar (8), Laxmi Khangavi (15) and Arjun Khangavi.

Five died on the spot, while two others on way to hospital in Belagavi. Several personnel from the State Disaster Response Force and Fire Force were at the spot.

The district has been receiving heavy rains intermittently over the last three days creating havoc.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, who is in Mysuru, expressed grief over the deaths. Bommai spoke to Belagavi district in-charge minister and Water Resources Minister Govind Karjol over the phone and got an update about the incident.

Bommai directed Karjol to visit the village. Karjol is meeting the family members on Thursday.

The Belagavi Deputy Commissioner has been told to take all necessary measures to provide assistance to the family. The government also announced Rs 5 lakh to the kin of each of the deceased.

The chief minister spoke to Bhimappa, a member of the family, over phone and assured him of all support from the state government.

Debris of the house which collapsed in Badalankalgi on Wednesday

AHEAD OF BIG SHOW

Mahouts take Dasara elephants out for a walk around the Mysuru Palace on Wednesday | UDAYSHANKAR S

Boy shot by dad in misfire critical

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Mangaluru

SIXTEEN-year-old **Sudheendra Prabhu**, who was seriously injured in a misfire when his father shot at two workers following an altercation over wages on Tuesday, continues to be critical.

Police Commissioner N Shashi Kumar said the bullet that had entered the teenager's head from near his left eye had pierced the brain before it exited from the back of the head. He said the boy's father and accused Rajesh Prabhu is also being treated in the same hospital as he is suffering from chest pain.

Based on a complained lodged by Mohan Kumar, who works as a manager at Vaishnavi Express Cargo, owned by Rajesh, the police have booked a case against him under IPC Sections 307, 308 and under some Sections of the Arms Act.

Police said the accused Rajesh had opened fire at driver Ashraf and cleaner Chandrahas over their demand for Rs 4,000 after a trip to Mumbai. First, they spoke to Rajesh's wife Shantala who was in the cargo office, demanding the money. When they insisted on being paid, she called her husband and son Sudheendra who were in their house nearby. According to the Police Commissioner, Sudheendra slapped the two men, which led to a spat, following which Rajesh opened two rounds of fire from his licensed pistol, with one of the bullets accidentally hitting his son.

Woman, 4-year-old daughter found murdered

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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A 36-year-old woman and her four-year-old daughter were found murdered at their house at Chowdeshwari Layout in Begur police station limits, on Wednesday evening. The police suspect it as a murders for gain.

The deceased have been identified as **Chandrakala aka Yamuna** and Ratanya. Chandrakala's husband Channaveera Swamy works in a garment factory, while she sold Ayurvedic products online. The family, which hails from Chitradurga, was living in an apartment.

Police said the incident came to light at around 6.30 pm when Chandrakala'a sister Chaitra came to visit them. The door of the house, located on the third floor, was open and Chaitra was shocked to see the bodies of her sister and niece in a pool of blood as she entered the house. She informed the matter to her brother-in-law, who, in turn, alerted the police.

"The assailant has murdered both the mother and daughter brutally by stabbing them multiple times. The mother's body was lying in the drawing-room, while the daughter was found dead in another room. As per the preliminary probe, it is suspected that the murder took place in the afternoon. The house is ransacked, and hence, we are suspecting it could be a case of murder for gain," an officer said.

It is learnt that Swamy had left for work at 9.30 am, post which the assailant entered the house at around 10.30 am. "The killer is known to the victims as there is no forced entry and there are signs that the assailant was there in the house for a few hours," the officer added.

Additional Commissioner of Police (East) S Murugan, who visited the crime scene, said four teams have been formed to crack the case.

EXPRESS READ

NHRC notice to Kodagu SP on death of differently-abled man

MADIKERI: The NHRC has issued a notice to Kodagu SP Kshama Mishra, demanding a report on the death of a differently-abled resident due to alleged police highhandedness. Justice Arun Kumar Mishra issued a final reminder to the SP directing her to requisite the report on the death of Roy D'Souza (50) by November 11. Roy, a mentally-challenged man from of Virajpet, died after being allegedly beaten up by police.

DHFL Changing Rules, Changing Lives

National Office: HDIL Towers, B-wing, 6th Floor, Anant Kanekar Marg, Station Road, Bandra (East), Mumbai-400051.
Branch Office: Dhiraj Baug, Building "A" Ground & 1st Floor, Beside Axis Bank, Opp. Monalisa Building, Agra Road, Hari Niwas Circle, Naupada, Thane (West) 400602.

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The undersigned is the Authorised Officer of Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Ltd. (DHFL) UNDER Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act). In exercise of powers foncerred under section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer has issued Demand Notice under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s) the " said Borrower(s)'), to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them that are also given below. In connection with above, Notice is herereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) to pay to DHFL, within 60 days from the publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest as detailed in the said Demand Notice(s), from the date(s) mentioned below till the date of payment and/ or realization, payable under the loan agreement read with other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to DHFL by the said Borrower(s) respectively.

Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Loan Code	Demand Notice Date and Amount With NPA date	PROPERTY ADDRESS
(LC No. 00002720 of Bengaluru S V Koramangala Branch) Vasant Adinarayana Gowda (Borrower) Rathnamma B K (Co Borrower 1)	16-06-2021 ₹ 21977807 /- (₹ Two Crore Nineteen lakh Seventy Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Seven) NPA(11-04-2021)	Sy No 5/2B, Katha No.241/242/278/90 Ward No.07,Byatarayanapura, Bellary Road Yelahanka Hobli Bengaluru Karnataka :- 560092
(LC No. 00002784 of Bengaluru S V Koramangala Branch) Shivananda G (Borrower) B Lakshmisupraja (Co Borrower 1)	16-06-2021 ₹ 10577791 /- (₹ One Crore Five lakh Seventy Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety One) NPA(11-04-2021)	Site No 47 & 48 Akkithimanahalli Layout Shanthinagar Shanthinagar Bengaluru Karnataka :- 560027
(LC No. 00044418 of Bengaluru - Jayanagar -1 Branch) Priyanka M (Borrower) Mallika M (Co Borrower 1) Balasundar A (Co Borrower 2)	16-06-2021 ₹ 9139622 /- (₹ Ninety One lakh Thirty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Two) NPA(11-04-2021)	3Rd Main Road, Chamrajpet Bangalore Bangalore Bengaluru Karnataka :- 560001
(LC No. 00002673 of Bengaluru S V Koramangala Branch) Bethesda Education Welfare Trust (Borrower) G Pushpa (Co Borrower 1) Augustin Abel A (Co Borrower 2) Angelin Petricia A (Guarantor 1)	16-06-2021 ₹ 7257643 /- (₹ Seventy Two lakh Fifty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Forty Three) NPA(11-03-2021)	Site No.1 And 2, Khata No 351/976/1 And 352/930/2, Ananthapura Village Yelahanka Hobli Yelahanka Hobli Bangalore Karnataka :- 560064
(LC No. 00000415 of Yelahanka Branch) Anand L (Borrower) Chaithra Anand (Co Borrower 1)	16-06-2021 ₹ 6832276 /- (₹ Sixty Eight lakh Thirty Two Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Six) NPA(11-04-2021)	Flat No 312 Sri Krishna Sai Enclave, Hoodi Village Mahadevapura Bangalore Bengaluru Karnataka :- 560048
(LC No. 00004226 of Bengaluru S V Koramangala Branch) S M Industries (Borrower) Manohar S (Co Borrower 1) Hemavathi S (Co Borrower 2)	16-06-2021 ₹ 6334638 /- (₹ Sixty Three lakh Thirty Four Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Eight) NPA(11-04-2021)	Plot No.516/1, Khatha No. 607, Sy No.46, 10Th Main Road, Peenya 4Th Phase Nallakadaranahalli Village, Bengaluru Karnataka :- 560058
(LC No. 00001516 of Bengaluru S V Koramangala Branch) Rathna Ramesh Kumar N (Borrower) Ramesh Kumar (Co Borrower 1)	16-06-2021 ₹ 5407187 /- (₹ Fifty Four lakh Seven Thousand One Hundred Eighty Seven) NPA(11-04-2021)	Site No.26, Kata No.251/1, Prop No.103/3 Horamavu Agara Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Karnataka :- 560025
(LC No. 00003041 of Bengaluru S V Koramangala Branch) Kesavan Subramani (Borrower) S Selvi (Co Borrower 1)	16-06-2021 ₹ 5363929 /- (₹ Fifty Three lakh Sixty Three Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Nine) NPA(11-04-2021)	Property No 106, Katha No 132 Hoskerehalli Village Kathriguppe, Uttarahalli Hobli Kathriguppe, Uttarahalli Hobli Bengaluru Karnataka :- 560085
(LC No. 00003791 of Bengaluru S V Koramangala Branch) Golden Jaguar Elevators And Escalators India Pvt Ltd (Borrower) C S Gnanendra (Co Borrower 1) Roopa B M (Co Borrower 2)	16-06-2021 ₹ 5344385 /- (₹ Fifty Three lakh Forty Four Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Five) NPA(11-04-2021)	Site Nos.130,131,139,140 Cliffton Park Nelamangala Taluk Byrashettyhalli Villag Kasaba Hobli Kasaba Hobli Bengaluru Karnataka :- 562123
(LC No. 00000961 of Hosur Branch) Ramesh N (Borrower) Tejashwini R (Co Borrower 1)	16-06-2021 ₹ 4420071 /- (₹ Forty Four lakh Twenty Thousand Seventy One) NPA(11-04-2021)	No. 730/722, A Block, The Rajaji Nagar H C S Ltd, Yeshwanthpuar Hobli Srigandhadakavalu Srigandhadakavalu Bengaluru Karnataka :- 560091
(LC No. 00003662 of Mangaluru Branch) Sandeep D (Borrower) Arpitha N (Co Borrower 1)	16-06-2021 ₹ 3415485 /- (₹ Thirty Four lakh Fifteen Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Five) NPA(11-04-2021)	Sy.No.111/2(P5), Pro No-1511004021001203 12, Nelyadka Chanila Road Balnadu Rural, Balnadu Village, Balnadu Village Putthur Dakshin Karnataka :- 574285
(LC No. 00043977 of Bengaluru - Jayanagar -2 Branch) Ankita Govind (Borrower) Govind Amarapura (Co Borrower 1)	16-06-2021 ₹ 2710633 /- (₹ Twenty Seven lakh Ten Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Three) NPA(11-04-2021)	Lingapura Village, Kasab Hobli, Anekal Taluk Bangalore Bangalore Bengaluru Karnataka :- 562106
(LC No. 00000316 of Chandapura Branch) Parampalli Venugopalaittal Gayathri (Borrower) Venugopal Parampalli Subbaraya (Co Borrower 1)	16-06-2021 ₹ 2370120 /- (₹ Twenty Three lakh Seventy Thousand One Hundred Twenty) NPA(11-04-2021)	Alps Aurora, Yarandhahalli Village Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk Bangalore Bengaluru Karnataka :- 560105
(LC No. 00000298 of Bengaluru S V Koramangala Branch) A Vincent Raj (Borrower) Anthoniyamma A (Co Borrower 1)	16-06-2021 ₹ 2117925 /- (₹ Twenty One lakh Seventeen Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Five) NPA(11-04-2021)	Site No. 06, New No. 574/C Katha No. 1220/C, Lingarajapuram Lingarajapuram Bengaluru Bengaluru Karnataka :- 560084
(LC No. 00001468 of Hosur Branch) Veeralakshmi N (Borrower) Chandrashekhar P (Co Borrower 1)	16-06-2021 ₹ 2011129 /- (₹ Twenty lakh Eleven Thousand One Hundred Twenty Nine) NPA(11-04-2021)	S.No. 11/4, Plot No. 32 Gurusai Garden Santhapuram Agraharam Village Santhapuram Agraharam Village Hosur Dharmapuri Tamil Nadu :- 635109
(LC No. 00010849 of Hyderabad Branch) Rajanikanth Pullaiah Pasupuleti (Borrower) Neerajarani Pusupueti (Co Borrower 1)	14-06-2021 ₹ 1938653 /- (₹ Nineteen lakh Thirty Eight Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Three) NPA(11-04-2021)	Plot Nos.44 & 45, S V Residency Phase I, Ramajipet Vi & G P Yadagirigutta Rev Mandal Yadagirigutta Rev Mandal Yadadri Bhongir Dist, Nalgonda Telangana :- 508115
(LC No. 00043509 of Bengaluru - Jayanagar -1 Branch) Swaminath V (Borrower) Jyothi S (Co Borrower 1)	16-06-2021 ₹ 1754250 /- (₹ Seventeen lakh Fifty Four Thousand Two Hundred Fifty) NPA(11-04-2021)	Kuppahalli Village, Nandi Hobli Chikkaballapura Tq, Bangalore Bangalore Bengaluru Karnataka :- 560043
(LC No. 00006197 of Bengaluru - Magestic Branch) Gopi M R (Borrower) Satheesh Kumar R (Co Borrower 1)	28-06-2021 ₹ 4960879 /- (₹ Forty Nine lakh Sixty Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Nine) NPA(12-05-2021)	Site No 3, Katha No 296, ASSESSMENT NO. 207/3 BEGUR VILLAGE, BEGUR HOBLI Bengalore Bengaluru Karnataka :- 560068
(LC No. 00001486 of Bengaluru Metro Jayanagar Branch) Ranganath Swamy K J (Borrower) Munikumar K J (Co Borrower 1)	29-06-2021 ₹ 3108787 /- (₹ Thirty One lakh Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Seven) NPA(12-05-2021)	Site No. 103,3rd Cross Amco Layout Kodigehalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore Bengaluru Karnataka :- 560092
(LC No. 00002482 of Bengaluru S V Koramangala Branch) Satish M N (Borrower) Sudha Satish (Co Borrower 1)	30-06-2021 ₹ 6480678 /- (₹ Sixty Four lakh Eighty Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Eight) NPA(12-05-2021)	Site.no.41, Assmt No 148 Katha No 148/41 Kattigenahalli Village, Jala Hobli Bangalore North Taluk Bengaluru Bengaluru Karnataka :- 560064
(LC No. 00002486 of Bengaluru S V Koramangala Branch) N T Velu (Borrower) Ramya A (Co Borrower 1)	30-06-2021 ₹ 5099662 /- (₹ Fifty lakh Ninety Nine Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Two) NPA(12-05-2021)	Property No 56 Site No 2b, Katha No 216 Munnekolalu Village Varthur Hobli Bengaluru Bengaluru Karnataka :- 560037
(LC No. 00002751 of Bengaluru S V Koramangala Branch) Glacier Beverages Private Limited (Borrower) Chandrashekar Bangalore Krishnappa (Co Borrower 1) Prathima N (Co Borrower 2)	30-06-2021 ₹ 7738159 /- (₹ Seventy Seven lakh Thirty Eight Thousand One Hundred Fifty Nine) NPA(12-05-2021)	Site No:457,M S Ramaiah layout Near 8th mile Signal,Nagasandra Village, Yeshwanthapur Hobli Bengaluru Bengaluru Karnataka :- 560010
(LC No. 00003113 of Bengaluru S V Koramangala Branch) Madusudan N (Borrower) Hemavathi Sudan (Co Borrower 1)	30-06-2021 ₹ 5129606 /- (₹ Fifty One lakh Twenty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Six) NPA(12-05-2021)	Site No. 20 Sy No. 61/1a7, Kengeri Village Kengeri Hobli, Near mahaveer Lakes apartment Banglore Bengaluru Karnataka :- 560060
(LC No. 00000603 of Kengeri Branch) Amaranarayan T (Borrower) Nirmala G (Co Borrower 1)	30-06-2021 ₹ 7881387/- (₹ Seventy Eight lakh Eighty One Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Seven) NPA(09-06-2021)	H No 1, 1st Main Kodigehalli, Kadugodi Plantation, Kadugodi Bangalore Bengaluru Karnataka :- 560067
(LC No. 00000488 of Bengaluru S V Koramangala Branch) Z Sons Automobiles (Borrower) Sadath Pasha (Co Borrower 1) Ejaz Pasha (Co Borrower 2) Mohamed Fayaz Pasha(Guarantor 1)Mohamed Riyaz Pasha(Guarantor 2)Fatima Bi(Guarantor 3)	30-06-2021 ₹ 10097912 /- (₹ One Crore Ninety Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Twelve) NPA(12-05-2021)	Old site No 3, new site no 9 Katha no 18, Bommanahalli village H S R Layout, Begur hobli Bangalore Bengaluru Karnataka :- 560068
(LC No. 00003994 of Bengaluru S V Koramangala Branch) Ashrith M (Borrower) Chandana S K (Co Borrower 1) Munikrishnappa S (Co Borrower 2)	30-06-2021 ₹ 17249763 /- (₹ One Crore Seventy Two lakh Forty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Three) NPA(12-05-2021)	Property No: 242/178, New Municipal No 312/308/242/178, Billekahalli Village, Begur Hobli Bengaluru Bengaluru Karnataka :- 560076
(LC No. 00004369 of Bengaluru S V Koramangala Branch) Shalu Gupta (Borrower) Shaleen Gupta (Co Borrower 1) Anand Prakash Gupta (Co Borrower 2) Lalita Gupta(Guarantor 1)Sakaar Anand(Guarantor 2)	30-06-2021 ₹ 10086046 /- (₹ One Crore Eighty Six Thousand Forty Six) NPA(12-05-2021)	Flat No C-27, 1st Floor, Suncity Colony, Haiderpur Viran Colony, Gurugram Gurgaon, Gurgaon Haryana :- 122011
(LC No. 00004459 of Bengaluru S V Koramangala Branch) Thanva Technologies Pvt Ltd (Borrower) Bhimaguli Shyam (Co Borrower 1) Sumanth Kashyap (Co Borrower 2) K S Surekha(Guarantor 1)	30-06-2021 ₹ 7039000 /- (₹ Seventy lakh Thirty Nine Thousand) NPA(12-05-2021)	Site No 67, Sy No 116, Katha no 214 Gavrava Nagar, Kottanur Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru Bengaluru Karnataka :- 560078
(LC No. 00004581 of Bengaluru S V Koramangala Branch) Nandan Food Industries (Borrower) Naveen B (Co Borrower 1) Pushpashree N (Co Borrower 2)	30-06-2021 ₹ 12454370 /- (₹ One Crore Twenty Four lakh Fifty Four Thousand Three Hundred Seventy) NPA(12-05-2021)	Property No 118,117,116,&115 K No.16/1, Pillaganahalli Village Uttarahalli Hobli Bangalore Bengaluru Karnataka :- 560083
(LC No. 00043250 of Bengaluru - Jayanagar -2 Branch) P Murugan K (Borrower) Priya M Sathiya (Co Borrower 1)	30-06-2021 ₹ 9115367 /- (₹ Ninety One lakh Fifteen Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Seven) NPA(12-05-2021)	Western Portion Of Site No 58,house List Khatha No 158/11,ass No 352,kalkere Village, K R Puram Hobli, , Bangalore Bengaluru Karnataka :- 560036
(LC No. 00001390 of Marathahalli Branch) A S Patil (Borrower) Vidya Ayyanagouda Patil (Co Borrower 1)	30-06-2021 ₹ 21381539 /- (₹ Two Crore Thirteen lakh Eighty One Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Nine) NPA(12-05-2021)	Site No.99, Sy No. 26/1, 28, 29 & 32 2nd Main, Royal Residence Layout Bannerghatta Rd, Btm 4th Stag Bangalore Bengaluru Karnataka :- 560076
(LC No. 00042907 of Bengaluru - Jayanagar -1 Branch) G Manjunatha (Borrower) Mamatha C (Co Borrower 1)	20-07-2021 ₹ 16000759 /- (₹ One Crore Sixty lakh Seven Hundred Fifty Nine) NPA(09-06-2021)	No 260, Maruthi Nagara Layout Vajrahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli Nelamangala Taluk Bangalore Bengaluru Karnataka :- 562123
(LC No. 00004579 of Bengaluru S V Koramangala Branch) Chennappa Sunil Kumar (Borrower) Bangalore Rangappa Gayathri (Co Borrower 1)	20-07-2021 ₹ 10259435 /- (₹ One Crore Two lakh Fifty Nine Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Five) NPA(09-06-2021)	Old Municipal 208, New No 34, Sy No 21/1 15th Main Road, Nagendra Block Gavipura Village, Kasaba Hobli Bangalore Karnataka :- 560050
(LC No. 00043191 of Bengaluru - Jayanagar -1 Branch) R Ramakrishna (Borrower) Neelam Sundar (Co Borrower 1)	20-07-2021 ₹ 8316233 /- (₹ Eighty Three lakh Sixteen Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Three) NPA(09-06-2021)	Flat No B-303, 3rd Floor, B Tower Tranquil Towers, Immadihalli Main Road Nagondanaha Village, Whitefiel Bangalore Bengaluru Karnataka :- 560066
(LC No. 00043192 of Bengaluru - Jayanagar -1 Branch) R Ramakrishna (Borrower) Neelam Sundar (Co Borrower 1)	20-07-2021 ₹ 8030955 /- (₹ Eighty lakh Thirty Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Five) NPA(09-06-2021)	Flat No B-302, 3rd Floor, B Tower Tranquil Towers, Immadihalli Road Nagondanaha Village, Whitefiel Bangalore Bengaluru Karnataka :- 560066
(LC No. 00000603 of Kengeri Branch) Amaranarayan T (Borrower) Nirmala G (Co Borrower 1)	20-07-2021 ₹ 7881387/- (₹ Seventy Eight lakh Eighty One Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Seven) NPA(09-06-2021)	H No 1, 1st Main Kodigehalli, Kadugodi Plantation, Kadugodi Bangalore Bengaluru Karnataka :- 560067

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to DHFL as aforesaid, DHFL shall proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks of the said Borrowers as to the costs and consequences. The said Borrowers are prohibited under the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of DHFL. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the said act or Rules made there under, shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Date : 07.10.2021
Place : Karnataka

Sd/-, (Authorised officer)
DEWAN HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION LIMITED

सेंट्रल बैंक ऑफ इंडिया / **सेन्ट्रल बैंक ऑफ़ इंडिया** Central Bank of India

Sona Towers, 71 Millers Road, Bangaluru 560052

CORRIGENDUM

Please refer to our possession notice published in Navashakti (Marathi), Free Press Journal (English) and Business Standard (English) of Mumbai edition and Indian Express (English), Kannada Prabha (Kannada) & Dakshin Bharath Rashtramath (Kannada) of Bangalore Edition on 8th September, 2021.
It is informed and clarified that serial No.8 stated in the Description of the immovable property covering Survey no.157/1 measuring 31 gunthas be ignored.
With this the possession notice as per said publication dated 8th September, 2021 shall remain valid and subsisting excluding the immovable property bearing survey no. 157/1 measuring 31 gunthas

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Central Bank of India
Corporate Finance Branch
Bangaluru 560052

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to the General Public that my client Mrs. LAKSHMIDEVI W/o Late. V D Shamanna has entered into an Agreement of Sale, Dated 09-09-2021 with Mr. BOLUR SHAMBUNATH ARUN & Mrs. ANITHA B.S, both children of Late. B.S. Puthran in order to purchase Site No. 57, BBMP Katha No. 854/57, situated at Attur Village, Yelahanka, Bangalore-64, measuring E to W: 40 ft & N to S:30 ft, in all measuring 1200 Sq. ft and bounded on East by: Portion of Site No. 76 & 77, West by : Road, North by : Site No. 56 and South by: Site No. 58. Any claimant/s who claim right, title and interest over the property may approach the below Contact Number, with relevant documents within 15 days, failing which the claim of such person(s) will be deemed to have been waived and my client will proceed further for the execution of an Absolute Sale Deed.
G.P CHAYA Advocate Ph. No. 9448689048
Mrs. LAKSHMIDEVI Ph. No. 9916401206
Sd/- G.P. CHAYA, B.Com., LL.B.,
ADVOCATE & NOTARY GOVT. OF INDIA
No. 6. 3rd Cross, Muddamma Garden, Benson Town Post, Bangalore - 560046.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the general public that our Clients **Mr. JANARDHAN YALAPALLI** S/o Mr. Chinnabbaiah Yalapalli, and **Mrs. SARITHA YALAPALLI** W/o Mr. Janardhan Yalapalli, Flat No. 301, 3rd Floor, Sai Deep Homes, 5th Cross, Church Street Road, New Tippasandra, has entered into Sale Agreements dt. 08-09-2021 with **MRS. SHANTHI M W/o ARUN and MR. ARUN M** S/o Sri Madurai, No. 15, 1st Cross, Sai Nivas,1st Floor, Flat No 103, Byrasandra, CV Raman Nagar, Bangalore - 560 093, in respect of the property mentioned in the schedule B below and the vendor represents they are the absolute owners of the schedule B property.
Any persons asserting any right, title or claim in the schedule B property or any part thereof in any manner or having any claim against the schedule B property or the documents thereof or against the owner or objections to such sale in favor of our Clients should write to the under signed within **(15) FIFTEEN DAYS** of the issuance of this public notice with all documentary proof on which they are relaying and asserting their rights with regard to the schedule B property thereof after which period, our Client shall proceed with Registration of absolute sale deed, treating that there are no claims of whatsoever nature for the Sale transaction in respect to the schedule B property.

SCHEDULE – 'A'
(Description of entire Property)

ITEM No.1 : All that piece and parcel of the immovable Property bearing OLD HASB No. 140/1 bearing Katha No. 164, measuring East to West: 30-0 (Thirty) Feet and North to South: 40-0 (Forty) Feet and Property bearing Katha No. 164/140/1, formerly Katha No. 140/1, Municipal No.1A, PID No.83-85-1A, measuring East to West - North side Forty Five feet, South side: 49-0 (Forty Nine) feet and North to South: 43-0 (Forty Three) Feet, situated at Byrasandra, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, presently Bengaluru East Taluk, (formerly HASB Area) now within the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bengaluru, both the properties combined presently Amalgamated Katha No. 15, PID No. 83-414-15, BBMP Ward No. 83, and bounded as follows:
On the East : Road, West : LRD Compound, North : Item No 2, Property Private Property, South : Road.
ITEM No.2 : All that piece and parcel of the immovable Property bearing OLD HASB Katha No. 164, BMP Katha No.15, PID 83-414-15, measuring East to West: 30-0 (Thirty) Feet and North to South: 40-0 (Forty) Feet and Property bearing Old Katha No. 140/1, New Municipal No. 14, PID No. 83-85-14, situated at Byrasandra, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, presently Bengaluru East Taluk, (formerly HASB Area) now within the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 30-0 (Thirty) Feet and North to South 20-0 (Twenty) feet, both the properties combined presently Amalgamated Katha No. 15, PID No. 83-414-15, BBMP Ward No. 83, and bounded as follows:
On the East : Private Property, West : LRD Compound, North: Private Property, South : Item No.1 Property.
Item No.1 and Item No. 2 together totally measuring 5021 Square Feet.

SCHEDULE – 'B'
(Description of the Apartment)

Residential Apartment bearing Flat No. 103, First Floor, in the building known as "SAI NIVAS" constructed on the Schedule 'A' property, with the floors ceiling and walls between units jointly belonging to such Apartment Owners equally, including common area, having Super Built Up Area of 1017 Sq. ft and 274. Sq. ft of undivided share, right, title, interest in the Schedule "A" with RCC roofing, vitrified flooring, Aluminum Windows and sal wooden doors with all basic civic amenities and other facilities with one covered car parking space in Stilt Floor.

PRADEEP KUMAR P.K & ASSOCIATION
ADVOCATES & SOLICITORS, No. 1/1-1, 1st Floor, Queens Road, Bengaluru - 560001.

बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ौदा / **Bank of Baroda** Bank of Baroda

Branch:R C Road, Bangalore. Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Race Course Road, Bangalore-560001, Email:vjrcro@bankofbaroda.com, Phone:80-22258504-63132,

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property) Appendix IV under Act-Rule 8(1)

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Bank of Baroda** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated **05.04.2021** calling upon the Borrower **(1) Mr. Dinesh** S/o Jogu Poojary **(2) Mrs. Smitha A Poojary** W/o Dinesh, **residing at:** Ningi-Mane, Vakwadi Village, Kundapura Taluk, Udupi District, Karnataka, Pin - 576257 **(Barrower)** and **Mr. Mahalinge Gowda** H.K. S/o Kaveraiah 95, 10th Main, Attur Layout, Bangalore-560064 and permanent address at M.Hosuru, Kasaba Hobali, Kunigal (Rural) Tumkur, Karnataka, Pin - 572130 **(Guarantor)** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.36,49,141.00** (Rupees Thirty Six Lakhs Forty Nine Thousand One Hundred Forty One Only) plus unapplied unserviced Interest from **01.01.2020** and other applicable charges within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrowers & Guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers & Guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this **01st day of October of the year 2021.**
The borrowers & Guarantors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Bank of Baroda** for an amount of **Rs.36,49,141.00** (Rupees Thirty Six Lakhs Forty Nine Thousand One Hundred Forty One Only) as on **31.03.2021** and interest thereon from **01.01.2020** and other applicable charges.
The borrower's & guarantor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property:

EMDTD of all that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site Vakwadi village of Kundapura Taluk, Udupi District-Kalavara Grama Panchayath Limit Muli Right, Sy No.65-52, Kissam Bhagayth, Extent 011, Assessment 1-05 [out of this land 0-10 cents is converted] and Sy No. 65-34-NA-0-10 acre Having the following boundaries: East by: Sy No-65-28 & 65-27, West by: Sy No-65-25, North by: Sy No-65-26A, South by: Sy No-65-20A1

Date:01.10.2021
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Bank of Baroda

The forest officer who unearthed the illegal mass tree felling in Muttil, Kerala has been transferred. Meppadi range forest officer M K Sameer, who seized the timber, was transferred to Walayar Forest Institute

'Refusing vaccine not a fundamental right'

25-yr-old judgment of Kerala High Court settles vaccine hestitancy issue in favour of compulsory inoculation

P RAMDAS @ Kochi

AMID heated discussions on vaccine hesitancy in the country, a 25-year-old judgment of the Kerala High Court may settle the issue in favour of those who argue for compulsory vaccination.

While those who are hesitant for the jab, insistence on inoculation violates their fundamental rights, a judgment pronounced by Justice K Narayana Kurup on May 30, 1996, said, "In an area where infectious diseases are endemic, taking a heavy toll of human lives, the state must be invested with adequate powers to intervene and take effective remedial measures by inoculation, vaccination and the like."

Justice Kurup told TNIE that many are not willing to get vaccinated citing their fundamental rights. "Those who are not inoculated are more vulnerable than those who are vaccinated. Hence, the authorities can use their powers considering the interest of society," he added.

The 1996 judgment had stated, "In an organised society - without which there cannot be

any safeguard of individual rights - there cannot be any right which is injurious to the community as a whole."

He had passed the verdict while dismissing a petition filed by parents of a minor son, who was suffering from haemophilia, challenging the order of the then Kottayam district collector. The parents had refused to provide adequate medical treatment to the child. After noticing the incident, the district had directed the police to take custody of the child and admit him to the government hospital immediately.

The court had held that the fundamental rights claimed by the parents could not take precedence over the "police power to enforce public order, morality and health". The police power is founded on the theory that when there is a conflict between the rights of the individual and the interest of society. "The latter must prevail."

The police power is thus the authority to establish those rules of good conduct and neighbourliness which are calculated to prevent a conflict of rights and to ensure that each (individual) has the uninterrupted enjoyment of his own, so far as that is reasonably consistent with a corresponding enjoyment by others.

ST ALOYSIUS ADAMANT

Naming park after Stan Swamy riles VHP

ENS @ Mangaluru

THE decision of St Aloysius College to name a park after tribal activist Father Stan Swamy, who passed away while in custody in Maharashtra, has not gone down well with Hindu right wing outfits, like the VHP, Bajrang Dal and ABVP, who have vowed not to let it happen.

The park is located on the college's Beeri campus on the outskirts of Mangaluru. Initially, the management had decided to hold the naming ceremony on Thursday (October 7), but postponed it because of President of India Ramanath Kovind's two-day visit to the city starting on Wednesday.

VHP, Bajrang Dal and ABVP leaders held a press meet in the city on Wednesday to vehemently oppose the college's decision. VHP leader Sharan Pumpwell said Stan Swamy was arrested under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and was facing serious charges of 'terrorism' and 'Naxalism' for his alleged role in the Bhima Koregoan violence. "It is highly condemnable and an insult to the social system to name a park after such a person," he said.

A hoary institution like St Aloysius College, which has contributed to the field of education, naming the park after Stan Swamy is akin to it indirectly challenging national unity. It has 'shocked education lovers and peace-loving people', he added.

He said if the college management goes ahead, they will stage a protest in front of the college campus. "The institution will be responsible if any untoward incident takes place," he warned. He added that they have already conveyed their opposition to the college management and will also petition the deputy commissioner.

ABVP state secretary Manikanta said that instead of Stan Swamy, the college management can name it after personalities like former union minister Oscar Fernandes or George Fernandes who contributed immensely to the country. He said they have no problem if Stan Swamy's name is kept for the park after he is cleared of all charges.

College Rector Fr. Melwin Pinto said, "We will not budge because of such threats as they have said Father Stan Swamy is an accused and nothing has been proven against him."

15 other newborns could've been sold

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"IT was found that the gang was operating for more than a year. Based on their information, 11 children who were sold were rescued. Further, it was found that the accused had links to people in slums across Mumbai, Chennai and Bengaluru, who convinced poor people to sell their newborns for Rs 80,000-1 lakh to couples who had no children, whom they approached at IVF centres. They sold each newborn for Rs 5-10 lakh, depending on their financial status. They had shown those who bought the babies as biological parents and had manipulated the mothers' cards," the police added.

The police suspect that more than 15 other newborns have been sold and are making efforts to trace them. "The persons who sold the newborns will be accused in the case. However, they have not been arrested yet," the police added.

While the rescued children have been handed over to the Child Welfare Committee, those who had purchased the children have come forward to adopt them legally. "However, the CWC will decide on it. In some cases, the accused had issued fake adoption certificates to avoid suspicion," they said.

Online betting, gaming ban: Industry to go to court

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

ONLINE gaming is now an illegal activity in Karnataka. The State government notified the Karnataka Police (Amendment) Act, 2021, on October 5, which banned wagering or betting in connection with any game of chance.

The law bans all forms of wagering or betting in connection with any game of chance, except horse racing and lottery. The Act prohibits risking money on the unknown result of an event, including on a game of skill, and provides for maximum imprisonment of three years or a fine of up to Rs 1 lakh. With an approximate value of over a billion USD, India is the fifth largest online gaming market globally. There are over 400 gaming startups, which are expected to generate revenue in excess of $3billion by 2025.

Karnataka is home to more than 91 gaming companies and developers, which employ about 4,000 people. The industry has reacted strongly to the ban and is planning to seek legal recourse. "As the apex industry body, we have notified our member companies to block Karnataka in accordance with the law. However, we would like to reiterate our stand since legitimate online skill gaming businesses that have the right to trade, have been worst impacted. The irony is that illegal offshore gambling operators will flourish. Needless to say, the industry will challenge this in court. The Madras and Kerala High Courts have recently struck down similar legislations that tried to stop online skill gaming in the states," said

Chief Executive Officer (CEO), All India Gaming Federation (AIGF), Roland Landers.

The Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) has also reacted strongly to the ban and called it a "massive blow to the fastest growing sector in entertainment".

"Investments, jobs, revenues and consequently, taxes will all be severely affected," said Biren Ghose, Chairman - CII National Committee - The Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming and Comics Sector (AVGC) & President, Association of Bangalore Animation Industry (ABAI). He added that the industry sought "clarity in regulation based on several precedents which establish the legitimacy of games of skills".

HC dismisses PIL on Aadhaar enrolment

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

JUSTICE M Nagaprasanna of the Karnataka High Court dismissed a petition filed by R P Naresh Kumar, Chief Executive Officer of Edurays India, questioning the criminal proceedings initiated against him over alleged nefarious activities in connivance with the enrolment agency in selling Aadhaar enrolment kits and cards.

Referring to the complaint, the court said that "with the facts being so glaring and the offence alleged against the petitioner having such ramification, as issuance of Aadhaar cards by agencies which are not empowered, can also lead to distribution of such cards against the interest of national security. It is prudent for the Government of India or the State Government to keep vigil on such instances of rising cases of frauds in Aadhaar enrolment. Any further observation on the merit of the matter would be prejudicial to the interest of the petitioner in his defence before the trial court", the HC said.

BACK TO WATER

Workers repair a houseboat at Cherai beach in Kochi on Wednesday. With the tourism industry picking up pace in the wake of lockdown relaxations, locals are eager to attract visitors without further delay | ASANESH

EXPRESS READ

St John's Medical College awarded for elderly care research

Madurai: TBengaluru: The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has selected St John's Hospital, Bengaluru, as the Best Institute for Research in the field of ageing. The College has been awarded with the Vayoshreshtha Samman for its outstanding services to senior citizens. The institute's Senior Citizen Health Service (SCHS) started as a unit in 2005, under St John's Medical College. Since then, it has been working on the objectives of improving the health status of rural and urban elderly through service, training and research models. SCHS has 43 publications. **ENS**

ONGC EXPLORATORY OIL WELLS IN NEDUVASAL TO BE CLEARED

SOWMYA MANI
@ Pudukkottai

AFTER decades of demand by the villagers of Neduvasal, the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has finally agreed to dismantle the exploratory oil wells in the area and hand over the land back to the owners, sources said. This move comes days after the people of Neduvasal East village panchayat adopted a resolution seeking dismantling of the exploratory oil wells in the area.

A team of seven officials from ONGC Karaikal inspected the oil wells at Vanakkankadu on Tuesday evening, said K Dakshinamurthy, president of Neduvasal East village Panchayat. The inspection was held at about 4.5 acres of land in the area.

There were six exploratory oil wells dug in six places near Neduvasal, namely Vanakkankadu, Kottaikadu, Karukkakurichi, Karambangudi and Vadakadu in the early 90s. Dismantling of the wells and returning the land to the owners has been a constant demand by these villagers for the past two decades. This demand was amplified during the protests at Neduvasal against a proposed hydrocarbon extraction and development project in 2017. Villagers had protested for almost 200 days during this time.

"During the protests in 2017, the District Collector had assured us that steps would be taken to clear the oil wells and restore the land. We had been assured that it would be done within six months. However, it's been more than three years and nothing has been done. The issue was raised at our grama sabha meeting held on Saturday, and we reiterated the demand," said Dakshinamurthy.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client **Ms. Yukta .S,** S/o. Sri Umashankar, Residing at No. 19, 5th Main, Ganaganagar, Bangalore, intends to purchase Residential Vacant Site bearing No. 327, in the layout FORMED by N.T.I. Housing Co-Operative Society Ltd., situated at Kodigehalli, Byatarayanapura, Kothihosahalli Villages, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, morefully described in the schedule hereunder from its owner **Ms. SANA JAMEEL HASHIM,** who claims to have acquired ownership through the Gift Deed dated 23.03.2021, from her father Mr. Asghar Jameel, vide document No. GAN-1-05533/2020-21, Book No.1, Stored in CD No. GAND901, registered in the office of Senior Sub-Registrar, Gandhinagar, Bangalore.

If any person/s having any claim on the schedule property asserting any rights, title, interest or claim in part or full in any manner or having any claim against the schedule property or the documents thereof or against the owner or objecting to such transfer/ sale in favour of our clients, should write to the undersigned within Ten (10) days of the issuance of this Public Notice with all documentary proof on which they are basing and asserting their rights claims with regards to the Schedule Property or any part thereof, after which period our clients shall proceed on purchase of the schedule property and no claims will be entertained treating that it is deemed to have been waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Residential Vacant Site bearing **No. 327,** in the layout plan approved by the Bangalore Development Authority, in several survey numbers in KodigEhalli, Byatarayanapura, Kothihosahalli Villages, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, named as "RAJEEV GANDHI NAGAR, N.T.I. LAYOUT, II Phase, Bangalore-560092, measuring East to West **40 Feet** and North to South **60 Feet,** totally measuring **2400 Square Feet / 222.96 Sq.Meters,** bearing BDA property ID No. 6000005633, together with all rights, and appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on:

East by : Site No. 328; West by : Site No. 326; North by : Site Nos. 321 and 322; South by : Road.

J. SATHISH KUMAR, ADVOCATE
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that, my clients (1) Sri. Nusrath Pasha S/o late Abdul Sattar alias Baba Sahib (2) Sri. Nisar Pasha S/o late Basha Sahib (3) Sri. Ashraf Pasha S/o late Basha Sahib (4) Sri. Afzal Pasha S/o late Basha Sahib all are residing at Bangalore are joint and absolute owners in possession and enjoyment of the property bearing site nos.1 to 210 and Khata No.62, Cholappanahalli Village, Doddahullur Grama Panchayat, Hoskote Taluq carved out in Sy.No.74/1, 74/2, 75/1, 75/2, 75/3, 75/4, 75/5, 75/6, 76, 77 and 78 of Chollappanahalli Village Kasaba Hobli, Hosakote Taluq, Bangalore Rural District measuring 32 acres and 32 guntas morefully described under the schedule hereunder and hereinafter called as Schedule Property, having acquired their right title and interest in the schedule property by virtue of registered release deed dated 04-08-2005 vide registered document no. HSK-1-01884-2005-06 in C.D.No.HSKD45 in Book No.1 dated 04-08-2005 from Mr.Mukhtiar Pasha and Mr.Riyaz Pasha sons of late M.Basha Sahib.

That Children of Mukhtiar Pasha namely Sri.Mudassir Pasha, Muzammil Pasha, Muzakkir Pasha, Rizwana Begum, Haseena Begum, Mohsina Begum, Musarath Begum and Children of Mr. Riyaz Pasha namely Mohammed Owais Pasha, Haseena Begum, Mohammed Inaam Pasha, Mohammadi Sabreen Riyaz, Mohammadi Sanober Riyaz have clandestinely and fraudulently obtained decree of partition in O.S. No. 1353/2019 and O.S. No. 1573/2018 respectively in the file of IV Addl. Senior Civil Judge, Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore, the said fraudulently decree has come to the knowledge of my client on 21st of September, 2021, my client is constrained to approach necessary court of law for setting aside the fraudulent decree and also for prosecuting the children of Mukhtiar Pasha and Riyaz Pasha. Therefore, general public is cautioned by issuing this notification informing all the prospective buyers not to transact with the schedule property as the aforesaid persons are neither owners nor authorized agents of my clients. If anybody having any such transaction with aforesaid persons with respect to the Schedule property they are doing so at their risk and cost and my clients are not responsible for any such transactions.

'SCHEDULE PROPERTY'

All that piece and parcel of the vacant immovable property bearing site nos.1 to 210 and Khata No.62, Cholappanahalli Village, Doddahullur Grama Panchayat, Hoskote Taluq carved out in Sy.No.74/1, 74/2, 75/1, 75/2, 75/3, 75/4, 75/5, 75/6, 76, 77 and 78 of Chollappanahalli Village Kasaba Hobli, Hosakote Taluq, Bangalore Rural District measuring 32 acres and 32 guntas bounded as follows:

East by: Road, West by: Private Property, North by: Private Property, South by: Private Property.

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ANDHRA PRADESH STATE FINANCIAL CORPORATION
ANANTAPURAMU BRANCH
E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT, 2002
(Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)

In exercise of powers conferred under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 and pursuant to the possession of the secured assets of the borrower(s)/ mortgagors mentioned hereunder, the public and all concerned including the concerned borrowers/mortgagors, their legal heirs/ representatives, as the case may be are hereby informed that offers are invited by the Authorized Officer of the **ANDHRA PRADESH STATE FINANCIAL CORPORATION (APSFC)** for purchase of the properties listed below. (Rs. in lakhs)

Borrower/Guarantor	Amount out standing as on 31.03.2018 Rupees in Lakhs	Description of Property	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession Notice	Reserve price Rupees in Lakhs	EMD	Bid Multiple Amount
M/s.SS Steels (A Partnership Firm situated at Plot Nos: 229,230,231 &232, APIIC, Industrial Park, **Thumukunta (V),** Hindupur (M), Anantapur Dt.	448.45	**Primary Security:** Land admeasuring 7130.07 Sq.Yards covered by Plot Nos. 229,230,231 & 232 in Sy Nos 97 (Part) ,98 (Part) and 103 (Part) APIIC growth centre, Thumukunta (V), Hindupur (M), Anantapur (Dist) and bounded by North: 18.18 Metres Road, South: Plot Nos. 239, 240,241,242 East: Plot No. 223, West: Plot No.228.	02.05.18	24.08.18	141.42	17.68	1.50
Borrower/Guarantor	**Amount out standing as on 30.06.2017 Rupees in Lakhs**	**Description of Property**	**Date of Demand Notice**	**Date of Possession Notice**	**Reserve price Rupees in Lakhs**	**EMD**	**Bid Multiple Amount**
M/s.SS Steels (A Partnership firm situated at Plot Nos. 229, 230, 231 & 232, APIIC, Industrial Park, **Thumukunta (V),** Hindupur (M), Anantapuramu Dt.	392.87	**Collateral Security :** Item-1: Land admeasuring 977.75 Sq.Yards in Plot No.s 43 to 50 in Sy.No.s 223-2, near D.No.20-5-37, Pipe Line Road,Dwaraka Nagar, Hindupur (T & M), Anantapuramu District and bounded by East : 20' wide road, West : 20' wide road, North : 20' wide Road, South: Land in Sy.No.218-2.	17.07.17	04.04.18	27.27	3.03	1.00
		Item-2: Collateral Security : Land admeasuring 1024.41 Sq.Yards in Plot No.s 51 to 58 in Sy.No.223-2, Near D.No.20-5-37, Pipe line Road, Dwaraka Nagar, Hindupur (Town & Mandal), Anantapuramu District and bounded by East : 20' wide Road, West : 20' wide Road, North : 20' wide Road, South: Land in Sy.No.218-2.	17.07.17	04.04.18	28.56	3.17	1.00

LAST DATE FOR RECEIPT OF TENDER form along with EMD: on 05.11.2021 at 5.00 P.M.
DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION: ON 08.11.2021 between 11.30 A.M to 12.30 P.M.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE

1) The e-auction is being held on **"AS IS WHERE IS"** and **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS". 2)** The secured asset will not be sold below the Reserve Price. **3)** The e-auction Sale will be online through e-auction portal. **4)** The e-auction will take place through portal https://www.bankauctions.in on **08.11.2021** between **11.30 A.M to 12.30 P.M** onwards with unlimited auto extension of 5 minutes time.**5)** To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer, there is no Encumbrance on any property. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property/ies put on e-auction and claims / rights / dues / effecting the property, prior to submitting their bid. The e-auction and advertisement does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment or any representation of the Corporation. The property is being sold with all the existing and future encumbrances whether known or unknown to the Corporation. The Authorized Officer / Secured Creditors shall not be responsible in any way for any third party claims / rights / dues. **6)** It shall be the responsibility of the bidders to inspect and satisfy themselves about the asset and specification before submitting the bid. The inspection of property/ies put on e-auction will be permitted to interested bidders at sites as mentioned against each property description. **7)** The interested bidders shall submit their bid amount along with proof of having deposited the EMD through Web Portal: https://www.bankauctions.in (the user ID & Password can be obtained on free of cost by registering their names with https://www.bankauctions.in) through Login ID & Password. **8)** The EMD shall be payable through NEFT / RTGS in the following Account:- Union Bank of India Account No. 147711100000098 (IFSC Code UBIN0814776) , **before 5.00 PM on 05.11.2021. 9)** Please note that the Cheques / Demand Draft shall not be accepted as EMD amount. After Registration (One Time) by the bidder in the Web Portal, the intending bidder / purchaser is required to get the copies of the following documents uploaded in the Web Portal before the Last Date & Time of submission of the Bid Documents viz., (i) Copy of the NEFT / RTGS Challan. (ii) Copy of PAN Card and (iii) Proof of Identification / Address Proof (KYC) viz. self-attested copy of Voter ID Card / Driving License / Passport / Ration Card etc., without which the Bid is liable to be rejected. The interested bidders who require assistance in creating Login ID & Password, uploading data, submitting bid, training on e-bidding process etc., may contact M/s. 4 Closure, Block No.605 A, 6th Floor, Maitrivanam Commercial Complex, Ameerpet, Hyderabad and contact **Sri U. Subba Rao, Cell No.8142000061/66**, supporting e-mail ID: subbarao@bankauctions.in and for any property related query may contact Anantapuramu Branch / Authorized Officer on the Telephone No.9959100422. **10)** Only buyers holding valid user ID / Password and confirmed payment of EMD through NEFT / RTGS shall be eligible for participating in the e-auction process. **11)** The interested bidder has to submit their Bid Documents specified against each property [EMD (not below the 10% of Reserve Price) and required documents (mentioned in Point No.7) on or before **05.11.2021** up to 5:00 PM, after going through the Registering Process (One Time) and generating User ID & Password of their own, shall be eligible for participating in the e-auction Process, subject to due verification (of the document) and / or approval of the Authorized Officer. **12)** During the Online inter-se Bidding, Bidder can improve their Bid Amount as per the 'Bid Increase Amounts (mentioned above) or its multiple and in case bid is placed during the last 5 minutes of the closing time of the e-auction, the closing time will automatically get extended for 5 minutes (each time till the closure of e-auction process), otherwise, it will automatically get closed. The bidder who submits the highest bid amount (not below the Reserve Price) on the closure of the e-auction Process shall be declared as a Successful Bidder by the Authorized Officer after required verification. The sale is subject to confirmation of secured creditor. **13)** All the tenderers who have submitted the tenders shall participate in e-auction process irrespective of their quotes mentioned in the tender form. Mere submission of highest tender in the tender form does not entitle the tenderer to claim as highest bidder without participation in e-auction process.**14)** The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of the successful bidder shall be retained towards part sale consideration and the EMD of unsuccessful bidders shall be refunded. The Earnest Money Deposit shall not bear any interest. The successful bidder shall have to deposit 25% of the sale price, adjusting the EMD already paid, within 24 hours after the acceptance of bid price by the Authorized Officer and the balance 75% of the sale price on or before 15th day of sale or within such extended period as agreed upon in writing by and solely at the discretion of the authorized Officer. In case of default in payment by the successful bidder, the amount already deposited by the bidder shall be liable to be forfeited and property shall be put to re-auction and the defaulting borrower shall have no claim / right in respect of property / amount. **15)** The prospective qualified bidders may avail online training on e-auction from M/s. 4 Closure, prior to the date of e-auction. Neither the Authorized Officer / Secured Creditor nor M/s. 4 Closure, shall be liable for any Internet Network problem and the interested bidders to ensure that they are technically well equipped for participating in the e-auction event.**16)** The purchaser shall bear the applicable stamp duties / additional stamp duly / transfer charges, fee etc. and also all the statutory / non statutory dues, taxes, rates, assessment charges, fees etc. owing to anybody. **17)** The Authorized Officer is not bound to accept the highest offer and the Authorized Officer has the absolute right to accept or reject any or all offer (s) or adjourn / postpone / cancel the e-auction without assigning any reason thereof. **18)** The bidders are advised to go through the detailed terms & conditions of e-auction available on the Web Portal of M/s. 4 Closure https://www.bankauctions.in and www.apsfc.com before submitting their bids and taking part in the e-auction. **19)** The Publication is subject to force majeure clause. **20)** Bidding in the last moment should be avoided in the bidders own interest as neither the Corporation nor Service provider will be responsible for any lapse / failure (Internet failure/power failure etc) in order to ward-off such contingent situations. Bidders are requested to make all necessary arrangements / alternatives such as power supply back-up etc, so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the e-auction successfully. **21)** In case the date of deposit of EMD & e-auction date is declared holiday then the date will be automatically extended to the very next working day. **22)** For the conditions not covered, the decision of the Authorized Officer shall be final.

Place:Anantapuramu
Date:07.10.2021

Sd/- AUTHORIZED OFFICER, ANDHRA PRADESH STATE FINANCIAL CORPORATION, ANANTAPURAMU BRANCH.

EDITORIAL

There are more things ... likely to frighten us than there are to crush us; we suffer more often in imagination than in reality

Seneca

INDIAN EXPRESS IS NOT AN INDUSTRY. IT IS A MISSION.

— Ramnath Goenka

DEATHS IN THE VALLEY AND A DEEP SENSE OF HURT TOO

In the Jammu and Kashmir government's playbook, promises of industrial investment, tourist inflow, road construction and power generation, among others, are the yardsticks of normalcy in the Kashmir Valley. Tourists are indeed thronging the Valley and development work is being undertaken in an earnest manner. But the reality also is that death lurks at almost every corner. It strikes almost at will in an unseen and unsuspecting manner despite the government's proclamations and statistical jugglery of a peaceful Kashmir. This was driven home on Tuesday when militants shot dead three civilians in the space of a few hours, one of them a prominent Kashmiri Pandit businessman, Makhan Lal Bindroo, who did not follow in the footsteps of his community members and flee the Valley despite years of militancy, turmoil and bloodshed. Why the militants chose to target him is a matter of investigation, but the plausible reason is the administration's recent steps, including the launching of a website, to facilitate and expedite the return of the Pandits to Kashmir. This was widely perceived to be a major initiative to bring back those who had fled to safer havens. Perhaps, by killing Bindroo, the militants wanted to send a chilling message to those who were planning to buy a flight ticket back to the Valley.

But whatever the intended message and Pakistan's devious designs on Kashmir, the fact is that there is a deep sense of anger and hurt in the Valley currently. In such an atmosphere, suspicion hangs heavy and there is a trust deficit all around. Government officials don't trust their own employees, inquisitive locals are seen as police informers and journalists are viewed as militant agents. All this appears to be fuelling a dangerous trend wherein the space for pro-India sentiments is slowly shrinking. To arrest this, the government, both in the Centre and J&K, must quickly work in partnership with mainstream political parties so that separatist space is not allowed to expand. Such an official imprimatur is likely to get widespread support. This will also ensure that the gains made from Prime Minister Narendra Modi's initiative of the all-party meeting in June are not frittered away.

DOMAIN EXPERTISE IN COURT VERDICTS

The Madras High Court recently withdrew an order that mandated all new vehicles in Tamil Nadu to have a five-year bumper-to-bumper insurance coverage. It was forced to do so as industry bodies brought to its notice that such a product is non-existent and also not feasible at present. Obviously, the court lacked the technical knowledge, though it surely had good intentions. Almost immediately, another HC Bench reduced the maximum speed on highways from 120 kmph to 80 kmph. The intention again was good: the safety of road users. But is the reasoning based on scientific rationale and subject expertise? It is a universal phenomenon to increase speed limits as the road and vehicle quality get better. This need not necessarily lead to more accidents. What needs to be checked are the unscientific methods employed in road development that leaves newly built roads in bad shape in no time.

Courts generally confine themselves to the case at hand and the relevant laws. But the recent cases have shown the limits of judicial activism and should ignite a rethink. Richard Neely, former chief justice of the West Virginia Supreme Court, has rightly said, "It is not the function of a judge to act as a super board, or with the zeal of a pedantic schoolmaster substituting the judgment for that of the administrator." The SC in 2007 quoted him to remind the Indian judiciary of what is expected of it.

Sharp and fair insights in interpreting laws have kept the executive in check and ensured justice. A courtroom mostly has people who are experts in law and have the best understanding of what is just and fair. However, the executive has a varied set of people ranging from experts in niche subjects and administrators with the best grasp of ground realities. The courts are surely the last guardian of the people whenever other arms of the state abuse power or act unfairly. But if they are dealing with alien subjects such as financial scandals, stock market manipulations, environmental skulduggery and such, judges should necessarily seek technical expertise. There is nothing wrong in seeking help from domain experts before pronouncing verdicts on such subjects. Otherwise, they may end up eating humble pie.

The odds were loaded against the Tata group at the start of Ratan Tata's leadership. Bound by a slower functioning style, there was much to be done to face the fast-paced competition of the future

TRANSFORMATION OF TATA AROUND LIBERALISATION

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BUILDING BUSINESSES

It is particularly challenging to lead through turbulence. Last month, I shared how Hindustan Lever responded to the turbulence of the 1991 liberalisation, highlighting two lessons—first, how the company leadership admitted its limitations and sought outside help and second, how the leadership sought non-obvious answers to problems through deep self-reflection.

How did Tata respond to the same turbulence? This article highlights two lessons—how Tata approached the internal case for change and how leaders identified the levers of change.

Just a kilometre away from the HLL office in downtown Mumbai, a newly appointed corporate leader sat in his fourth-floor office at the eponymous Bombay House. On 23 March 1991, patriarch J R D Tata had said to Ratan Tata, "I have decided to retire as chairman and appoint you in my place as chairman of Tata Sons ... I have not decided the date because I must consult Ajit Kerkar." J R D clearly wanted the day to be an auspicious one, a nice example of tradition woven with modernity.

Ratan Tata had started thinking about transforming the group's operations long before liberalisation. During the 1980s, Ratan Tata had scripted a blueprint for the group with some assumptions about the economy and government policy. Now, strengthened with the mantle of leadership and faced with the turbulence of liberalisation, he could explore implementation. Flagship companies Tata Steel and Tata Motors had suffered for decades during the licence raj era with unjustifiable controls over production and pricing, mindless quotas for allocation of resources, and severe restrictions on imports. Foreign exchange controls meant companies had to struggle to convince officials while importing new machinery or deploying state-of-the-art technology; executives found it difficult to even travel abroad on business trips as there was a ceiling on the amount of foreign exchange that could be spent on a per diem basis.

The odds were loaded heavily against the Tata group. Although it was India's number one group for many decades, the Tata group was small by global standards; it lacked scale and operated mainly in the domestic market, whereas its international rivals had the advantage of operations across the globe. It was involved in a bewildering assortment of industries and lacked focus, thanks to the restrictive laws. Most of its revenues and profits were derived from commodity businesses; its few own brands—like Hamam and Lakme—were weak compared to global brands.

Bound by an older, slower style of functioning, the Tata group had considerable work ahead to face the fast-paced competition of the future. It was concerned about quality, but given the lack of customer orientation, a mark of the protected Indian industry in general, it had to do a lot more to match market-savvy rivals. And quality had yet to pervade all aspects of operations and strategising.

Ratan Tata started a series of dinner meetings with his acquaintances at McKinsey. Through these discussions, his leadership team concluded that the group should be restructured to (i) become more competitive, (ii) provide better returns to the shareholders, (iii) be more nimble-footed or more proactive to the changing scene than it had been in the past. These meetings led to the preparation of a set of discussion papers for the Tata Sons board. The plan was to critically look at every company through a group mechanism that did not exist up until that point of time. It should be mentioned that the MRTP regulations had imposed burdens on the group concept over the previous two decades.

Ratan Tata's first hard decision was on the Tata Oil Mills Company (TOMCO), which had built a detergents and soaps business for the group since 1923. TOMCO had been losing money for some years and it did not quite fit into the Tata view of its future. Soaps and detergents were, on the other hand, core to HLL. It was, therefore, an opportune moment for the two companies to ink a mutually beneficial agreement. The Tata decision to exit TOMCO and the HLL appetite to acquire it for growth went through the appropriate processes. TOMCO was acquired and merged into HLL.

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The TOMCO sale was a dramatic development, unimaginable just a few years previously in the India of old. Not surprisingly, it emerged as the most newsworthy and sizeable acquisition of the time. There were difficulties galore: the regulatory formalities, getting the proposals passed through the respective boards and resolving the legal aspects of the merger. It was a crucial turn in the HLL growth story and just as crucial a step in the Tata divestment approach.

Ratan Tata faced so much criticism from within the group that, as he confessed later, he became hesitant to undertake further divestments. TOMCO's managers received the HLL integration team with considerable suspicion, though the two learned to work collaboratively to consummate the deal. The HLL integration team was delighted when Ratan Tata expressed his appreciation of how the team handled the acquisition.

In two upcoming articles, I will interweave both companies' responses in their further transformation after liberalisation.

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EVERGRANDE AND THE CHINESE MIRAGE

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So far, this column has been restricted to talking about India and its economic prospects, and has not looked much at key global events that are of consequential impact. There are two developments not so far away from Delhi that are important as they will have implications for global growth prospects. The first of course pertains to the happenings with regards to Evergrande, a big Chinese real estate firm that has built up massive piles of debt. Many are not aware of this, but China's growth prospects had started to slow down before its inclusion into the WTO. After that, China got another opportunity to rapidly expand its share of exports, thereby giving a fresh growth impetus to its economy. However, after the 2008 crisis, growth started to falter. In response to slowing growth, there was a pick-up in lending activity, which fuelled the next stage of economic growth as companies built up debt on their balance sheets. All of this seems familiar, as India too had its own share of bad debt problems after 2008. The difference, however, is that construction and real estate, along with related sectors, account for 24% of the Chinese economy.

A debt-fuelled frenzy leading to growth is just building up of liabilities. Such a growth is not sustainable. More so, it brings with itself massive consequences as there is destruction of wealth, slower growth and more importantly, weaker lending activity. It looks like the last one is being encouraged in China, although we are not sure if there was recognition of what weaker lending would look like for the growth prospects over the coming years.

Evergrande is not the only crisis at hand, as the rising world fuel prices have created a problematic situation for China. The country at present is facing a huge energy crisis due to a variety of reasons. One of them is the higher emission standards that discourage the use of coal while the other is the order to not pass on the higher energy costs to consumers. This effectively is an attempt to artificially reduce the profit share in production activity and it may very likely result in a reduction in wages. Consequently, it may hamper attempts by China to shift towards a more domestic consumption-driven economy. The power crisis has already resulted in leading banks slashing China's growth prospects to zero in the present quarter, which means the production facilities there now face yet another exogenous shock.

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It is, however, interesting to observe that on the one hand, the weaker demand for key resources used in construction activity from China (which is their largest buyer) could push commodity prices downwards over the coming quarters. On the other hand, the supply disruptions due to the power crisis can create shortages, thereby resulting in supply-induced inflation like the oil shocks of the 1970s. Nobody should therefore underestimate the criticality of these developments as whatever happens in China will have implications for global growth and commodity prices in the future.

The reluctance to accept slowing growth has led to a perennial attempt to resolve such crises swiftly in China, which has meant that the economy could not adjust to deal with such macroeconomic balances. Consequently, such a settlement could be painful now given that a slower growth may be inevitable going forward.

The curious point here is that even as there are downside risks to their growth prospects, there has been an attempt to go after big-tech or put in regulations to restrict consumption of some items such as video games. In a very subtle way, it appears that the China of 2021 is beginning to revisit some of the policy tools that were used to expand the space of the government into the functioning of the economy and society. While this may be a response to the slowing of growth over the coming decades, we must remember that several such policies were also deployed by India and as a consequence, the country lost at least a decade, if not more, of impressive growth.

What has emerged as evident thanks to the experience of the last few years is that global supply chains need to diversify and that India serves as a viable alternative that offers both scale for production and scope in the form of a large domestic market with a booming aspirational middle class. Perhaps, it would be instructive for all of us to revisit this issue a decade from now with a simple question: Will India be able to compensate for slowing growth in China? Or, put differently, will this decade see India emerge as the global engine of growth? The answer to this will be revealed with time.

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Govt's silence not good

The silence of the BJP amid violence during the farmers' protest cannot go unseen by the citizens. Playing politics by being silent or focusing on Bollywood drug arrests is not the right thing to do for the government, which is accountable for deaths and injuries. Shutting the internet down and arresting the opposition leaders clearly point to the mishandling of the situation.
Chitra Manjunath, Bengaluru

Bring back money this time

This is with reference to *Get our money back! Swift action needed on the Pandora Papers* (Oct 6). The editorial has rightly pointed out that though the Centre has ordered a multi-agency probe, there is poor track record in bringing back laundered money. It is unfortunate that Sachin Tendulkar, who used to proclaim that he played to keep the tricolour flying high, has featured in the list.
Rajakumar Arulanandham, Palayamkottai

Don't bin Pandora Papers

Revelations in the Pandora Papers have prompted our government to order an in-depth investigation immediately. This is no doubt commendable. But such probes were there even during the Panama Papers and WikiLeaks sans any tangible results. We couldn't get either the culprits or the money so far. This time too, the same may happen unless the probe agencies do their jobs efficiently.
K Nehru Patnaik, Visakhapatnam

Tolerate dissent

This is with reference to *Modi@20: New India's destiny maker* (Oct 6). The author has every right to wax eloquent on Modi's popularity and virtues but at the same time, he must not forget that it will only add to the prime minister's stature if he can tolerate differences in opinion and dissent. The country has a right to hold Modi accountable to his promise of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas and Sabka Prayas'.
C G Kuriakose, Kothamangalam

Undaunting courage

Whatever may be the criticisms levelled against PM Narendra Modi, his undaunting courage in implementing demonetisation, GST, the Citizenship (Amendment) Act and changing the status of J&K speak volumes of his long-term vision. Moreover, his relentless fight against terrorism and efforts towards national unity are laudable. The saying that the chances of reaching your goal dramatically increase if you commit yourself to it in spite of failures is quite appropriate in the PM's case.
R Pichumani, Kumbakonam

Always taking the spotlight

Every prime minister since the first one has tried their best to change the destiny of the 'new' India under them. While it is indeed great that Modi has completed 20 years in power, his popularity still seems to be centred around the Hindutva narrative. Unlike other PMs, he also seems to always seek solo attention, which may not be in the best interests of the party.
N Nagarajan, Secunderabad

The bane of Indian women

The news that a man ended his own life in Kerala because he couldn't bear the dowry torture faced by his daughter is shocking. Dowry continues to be the bane and curse of Indian women, putting not only her life but that of her family, especially her parents, in danger. This nation that discarded the practice of Sati can surely show the door to the menace of dowry too.
Dr George Jacob, Kochi

Air Force chief pragmatic

The statement by the new Air Force head, Air Chief Marshal V R Chaudhari, that the force was fully committed to integration of the tri-services and jointmanship is a welcome departure from his predecessor. His stressing of the point that the strength of each force should be taken into account shows his pragmatic way of approaching inter-service relationships.
N A Joseph, Ettumanoor

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Randeep Singh Surjewala @rssurjewala
The BJP will crush the farmers and journalists under the tires of jeep and the govts have decided to give one crore to families to heal the wounds.

Subramanian Swamy @Swamy39
Raising petrol & other fuel prices is a tragedy for honest people of India. It will weaken demand forces and make economic recovery even more difficult.

Sitaram Yechury @SitaramYechury
Modi govt's cruel assault on people's livelihood is relentless. Stop further growth of poverty and hunger, by giving direct cash transfers & free food kit.

FLYERS WANT COVID CURBS LIFTED

MUCH TO THE CHAGRIN OF TRAVELLERS

TRAVELLERS ARE INCREASINGLY FRUSTRATED WITH RESTRICTIONS, SHOWS A SURVEY BY INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION

64% respondents felt border closures were unnecessary and had not been effective in containing the virus

67% respondents felt that most national borders should be opened by now

73% air travelers responded that their quality of life was suffering as a result of travel restrictions

People miss the freedom of flying and want it restored. The message they are sending to governments is: Covid-19 is not going to disappear, so we must establish a way to manage its risks while living and traveling normally

—Willie Walsh, IATA Director General

QUARANTINE MEASURES BIGGEST NO-NO

MORE PEOPLE WERE IN SUPPORT FOR TESTING OR VACCINATION TO REPLACE QUARANTINE

84% respondents indicated that they wouldn't travel if there was a chance of quarantine at their destination

80% agreed that vaccinated people should be able to travel freely by air

80% of respondents believe that testing before air travel should be an alternative for people without access to vaccination

Covid-19 R value for big cities shows rising trend again

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ New Delhi

AMID concerns that Covid-19 situation in India may flare up again due to increased mixing of people, crowds and lack of Covid appropriate behaviour during the festive season, the R factor in some cities in India has already started showing an increasing trend.

R factor refers to the effective reproduction rate which denotes the number of people getting infected by one infected person. If the value of the R factor is above 1, it means that one infected person can spread the infection to more than one person which suggests that the infection is spreading.

The figures, compiled by the Institute of Mathematical Sciences, Chennai, which has been tracking this value for India since the beginning of the pandemic, show that while for the country on a whole, the value has come down marginally over the past week, it has grown for at least three major metropolitan cities.

For India, the R value came down from 0.93 last week to 0.91 this week, but the figures in Mumbai, Bengaluru and Kolkata have reached above 1 once again.

In Mumbai, for instance, the R factor has gone up from 0.95 to 1.03 while in case of Bengaluru, the effective reproduction rate of SARS CoV 2 rose from 0.99 to 1.05. Similarly, in the case of Kolkata too, the figure rose from 1 to 1.06 this week.

In the national capital, too, though the R factor has not crossed 1 mark yet, it increased from 0.92 last week to 0.95 this week. Among the metropolitan cities, Chennai is the only one showing a decline and in the city, the R value came down from 1.05 to 0.95.

Sitabhra Sinha of the IMS told this newspaper that while the R factor for small geographical areas does tend to fluctuate more as compared to state or national figures, it should never be completely ignored.

"While there is no need to worry too much—these rising numbers should always be seen as a warning sign, especially if the trends are persistent," he said, adding that it is possible that if no strict containment measures are taken, the cases could spill from cities to the hinterland.

For India, the value of SARS-CoV-2 had crossed 1 on July 27 for the first time since May 7 in the wake of rise in cases in Kerala and some Northeastern states but has been stable for last several weeks as the pandemic situation is now largely under control in most states.

In India, less than 20,000 new cases were reported in the preceding 24 hours and the test positivity rate has stayed under 2% for several weeks.

Maharashtra government has allowed places of worship to reopen from October 7 | PTI

COVID TRACKER

2,46,687 Active cases

6,215 Fall in active cases

14,09,825 Tests in 24 hours

1.33% CASE FATALITY RATE

1.34% DAILY POSITIVITY RATE

97.94% NATIONAL RECOVERY RATE

Source: Union Health Ministry

Congress using tragedy to derive political mileage, alleges BJP

Party seeks to turn the spotlight on excesses against farmers in Congress-ruled states

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

BREAKING its silence on the Lakhimpur Kheri incident, the BJP termed it as most unfortunate while accusing former Congress president Rahul Gandhi of practising "selective politics".

The party sought to turn the spotlight on the track record of the Congress-ruled states by raising issues of excesses against farmers in Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh.

"The Lakhimpur Kheri incident is the most unfortunate. A probe has already been ordered after talks between the local administration and the farmers' union there. But some of the Opposition leaders, in their bids to stay politically relevant, are seeking to take political advantage out of the incident," said BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra during a press briefing at the party headquarters.

The BJP spokesperson said that all efforts currently should be to ensure peace and amity in Lakhimpur Kheri. "Rahul Gandhi, however, is seeking to aggravate the situation there by making irresponsible statements over the Sunday incident. The false utterances of Gandhi in a presser earlier in the day were most unfortunate and condemnable," added Patra.

The Gandhi family was using the tragedy as an opportunity to derive political mileage as it had been facing questions from own party leaders, he alleged. The Congress has been trying to "provoke" people to cause violence, he added.

Patra sought to deflect the attention to the Congress-ruled states citing instances of police lathicharge on farmers in Rajasthan when they were pressing for the procurement of paddy. He also cited numbers of farmer suicides in Chhattisgarh.

"The Modi government has taken a number of steps for the betterment of farmers, which the Congress dispensations at the Centre in the past never took," said Patra, while giving details of the central schemes.

Patra also took a swipe at Rahul over his charge that there was no democracy in the country, noting that he had never faced protests from BJP workers for his press conferences while Congress members threw tomatoes outside Kapil Sibal's residence.

Rahul Gandhi (C) along with Punjab CM Charanjit Singh Channi and Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel at Lucknow airport | PTI

SAD team to meet Shah, Sidhu to lead UP march

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

SHIROMANI Akali Dal chief Sukhbir Singh Badal on Wednesday said a party delegation would meet Union Home Minister Amit Shah and request him to ensure that exemplary action was taken against those involved in the killing of farmers in Lakhimpur Kheri.

Badal said the SAD had already written to Shah seeking time for the meeting and added that he would lead the party delegation.

Talking to reporters in Amritsar, the SAD president said a separate party delegation would also meet Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath to impress upon him the need to ensure that the perpetrators of the "ghastly" attack on farmers were brought to book. "I appeal to the chief minister to rise above party lines. It is an issue of credibility. People are affronted that the accused have not been arrested till now. People want the guilty to be arrested, however high they may be," Badal said.

The Punjab Congress, led by state unit chief Navjot Singh Sidhu, will take out a protest march on Thursday to Lakhimpur Kheri. The march will begin from Mohali at noon, party sources said.

In Chandigarh, police used water cannon to disperse AAP workers trying to lay siege to the Punjab governor's house over the UP violence. The police had put up barricades near the MLA hostel here to stop protesters from going towards the Raj Bhavan but the AAP workers, led by party MLA Saravjit Kaur Manuke, tried to break the barricades and march towards the governor's residence.Another group of AAP protesters were detained near the UT guest house.

Oppn visiting Lakhimpur for photo op, says UP minister

LUCKNOW: The Uttar Pradesh government on Wednesday said the opposition had adopted a 'negative' attitude in the 'sensitive' Lakhimpur Kheri incident and warned that no one would be allowed to vitiate the atmosphere.

Government spokesperson and cabinet minister Sidharth Nath Singh alleged that the opposition parties wanted to visit Lakhimpur Kheri for a photo opportunity The law will take its own course in the matter and the guilty will be caught and punished, he said.

Lashing out at the opposition, Singh said, "They got a chance for a photo opportunity and do Twitter politics while sitting at home," he added. Attacking Rahul Gandhi, he said, "Now 'yuvraj' of a party has decided for political tourism as his sister is already there."

Meanwhile, Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav alleged that the BJP government in the state was committing more atrocities than the British. Addressing a programme at Sunaseer Nath Gurudwara in Shahjahanpur, Yadav said, "The BJP government has surpassed the atrocities committed by the British. Its minister of state of home is threatening farmers to suppress their voice. There were cruel rulers in the world but in the BJP regime, the voice of democracy is being crushed."

Referring to the Lakhimpur violence, he said "never has such an incident taken place in the world" and demanded ₹2 crore for the families of the four farmers. *ENS*

Didi pats her MPs for visit

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday lauded a delegation of Trinamool Congress MPs for being the only opposition party leaders who on Tuesday succeeded in meeting family members of the farmers killed in Lakhimpur Kheri. "Only a TMC delegation was able to reach the village and meet the family members... No other party could reach them. Our party MP Dola Sen disguised herself as a Punjabi to reach the area," she said while inaugurating the puja edition of TMC mouthpiece *Jago Bangla*.

Tikait demands arrest; warns of stir

BKU leader Rakesh Tikait demanded the resignation of Union minister Ajay Mishra and the arrest of all accused in the Lakhimpur Kheri incident, warning that a nationwide agitation would be launched if authorities failed to implement within a week the agreement made with the farmers here. Tikait had brokered the agreement between the authorities and the farmers on October 4 here, after which they had ended their protest and the families of the four deceased farmers had agreed to their post-mortem.

SCION'S EXIT

Tej Pratap quit on his own: RJD V-P

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

TEJ PRATAP YADAV has disassociated himself from the RJD and formed his own outfit, party vice-president Shivanand Tiwari said on Wednesday.

"He has already ousted himself from the party and formed a new organisation. There is no point of expulsion now when he has already ousted himself from the RJD," Tiwari said to a media query at Hajipur, about 15 km from Patna. "When Tej Pratap floated a new organisation, he tried to use the election symbol of party — lantern. But he was not allowed to use the party' election symbol."

Incidentally, Tej Pratap had floated Chhatra Janshakti Parishad and got his organisation registered with 'flute' as its symbol. Chhatra Janshakti Parishad national spokesperson Mohit Sharma, however, denied that Tej Pratap Yadav has disassociated from party. "Tiwari made the statement to create a feud between two brothers," he said.

Leaders of the RJD remained tight-lipped about the feud between Tej Pratap and Tejashwi Yadav that recently saw a new low after the elder of Lalu Prasad's son claimed that his father was kept hostage in Delhi. Tejashwi had categorically denied the claim of his elder brother.

Lalu's elder son is said to be disgruntled ever since some candidates of his choice for the general elections was turned down by the leadership of the party.

EXPRESS READ

'Unreserved coaches once pandemic subsides'

New Delhi: Indian Railways may take more time to resume unreserved coaches in all trains. Suneet Sharma, chairman and chief executive officer of Railway Board on Wednesday, said that once the pandemic subsides, unreserved coaches would be restored and increased. He was speaking during a press conference which was held to brief about the decision of approving Productivity Linked Bonus (PLB) equivalent to 78 days' wages for all eligible non-gazetted Railway employees.

NEET-SS to stick to old pattern this year: Govt

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

IN A major relief to doctors who are scheduled to give the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test - Super Speciality (NEET-SS) this year, Centre, on Wednesday, informed the Supreme Court that the exam 2021 would be conducted in the old pattern only.

Further, the revised pattern for NEET SS will be implemented from 2022-23.

The development comes a day after the Centre was pulled up for being insensitive towards doctors and said that it appears that all was done to ensure that the seats in the private medical colleges were not lying vacant.

In today's hearing, the court recorded the statement and closed all the proceedings pending regarding NEET SS based on the petition filed by a group of 41 doctors.

The doctors mentioned that the NEET SS was not notified on July 23, but it was mentioned on August 31. The National Board of Examinations, NBE, announced the changes in the exam pattern, and the exam was scheduled for November 13 and 14.

The top court had on Tuesday observed that heavens will not fall if the authorities decide to implement the new pattern from next year while allowing the present pattern to continue for this year.

The sudden change in pattern, the Court had remarked would cause grave prejudice to students and also sends signals that medical education has become a business.

"Just because you have authority can it be exercised (like this)? Would the heavens have fallen if it was done from next year? What would happen if a years time would be given to students to prepare. Changing the pattern is in the domain of experts but do it in a way experts should do, not in this fashion. Otherwise it sends a signal that medical profession and medical regulation has also become a business," the Court said.

Nine new HC judges appointed

Centre on Wednesday notified the appointment of seven judges and two additional judges in five High Courts across the country. These appointments were recommended by the collegium headed by Chief Justice of India N V Ramana last month. According to the notification of the Ministry of Law and Justice, four judges have been appointed to the Jharkhand High Court, two to the Patna High Court and one judge to the Madhya Pradesh High Court.

SC raps cracker makers for banned articles use

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Wednesday said that under the guise of green crackers, banned articles were being used by firecracker manufacturers and reiterated that its earlier order banning joint crackers must be complied with by every state and wondered as to how huge quantities of barium salt were held by manufacturers.

A bench of Justices M R Shah and A S Bopanna said the top court is not averse to celebration but not at the cost of life of other citizens.

"Celebration does not mean use of loud crackers, it can also be with phuljhadi and the like which are not noisy. Our earlier order must be complied with by every state. Despite a specific ban on joint crackers, if you go to any state or city or any celebration, joint crackers are openly available in the market," observed the bench.

"Our order must be complied with. It is being sold openly in the market and used by people. We would like to know if a ban is there, how come they are available in markets," the bench said.

Senior advocate Dushyant Dave, appearing for manufacturers' association of firecrackers, contended that the industry should work as per government protocol.

"It is an organised industry. Around five lakh families depend on us. So far, as far as Sivakasi is concerned, we are taking all the precautions," Dave said.

To this, the bench said, "Have you seen the reply by the manufacturers? What they say is very surprising. They say that when they are found to have purchased a huge quantity of barium salt, it is to be kept in godown but not to be used for manufacture. It's not for show that they are keeping it in the godown," the bench said while slating the hearing for October 26.

The SC bench also noted that manufacturers such as Hindustan Fireworks and Standard Fireworks purchased barium in huge quantities.

Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla meets US Deputy Secretary of State Wendy R Sherman in New Delhi on Wednesday | PTI

Hope to resolve sanctions over S-400 deal: US envoy

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

US Deputy Secretary of State Wendy Sherman on Wednesday said that the US hoped to resolve the CAATSA (Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act) issue with India.

She said Washington had been quite public about any country that decided to use the S-400 missile systems from Russia. "We've been quite public about any country that decides to use the S-400. We think that is dangerous and not in anybody's security interest," she said after her meeting with Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla and National Security Advisor Ajit Doval.

The deputy secretary of state was referring to New Delhi's deal with Russia on the procurement of the missile systems. Washington has repeatedly warned India of sanctions under CAATSA if the deal goes through. Sherman is on a two-day visit to India. Following her meeting with Shringla, the deputy secretary of state announced that India-US counter terror working group dialogue would be held on October 26.

"They discussed issues of regional interest, especially the evolving situation in Afghanistan, as well as developments at the UN. Reiterated commitment for a free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific region, including through continued cooperation under the Quad," Ministry of External Affairs Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said.

She will hold discussions with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and will also call on PM Narendra Modi.

CURB ON DRONE OPS

Drones will soon be enabled with a system that will automatically switch them off in case they deviate from the designated flight path as the government looks to strengthen the security aspects in relation to drone operations.

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INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	36	26	Mumbai	35	26
Bhopal	34	24	Panaji	31	25
Jaipur	34	24	Patna	34	26
Amritsar	34	22	Lucknow	35	25
Chennai	31	25	Port Blair	28	24
Kolkata	35	28	Imphal	31	21
Srinagar	28	10	Chandigarh	34	22

Shah to chair meet on Kashmir situation

Meeting comes in the backdrop of the sudden rise in attacks by terrorists; Afghan fallout up for discussion today

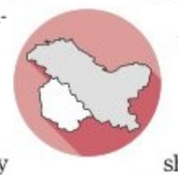
SANA SHAKIL @ New Delhi

UNION Home Minister Amit Shah will be chairing a high-level meeting on Thursday evening to review security situation of Jammu and Kashmir.

As many as five civilians have been killed in Kashmir in the first five days of October, sending shock waves through the Valley. The meeting will be attended by Union Home Secretary Ajay Kumar Bhalla, chiefs of the IB, CRPF and BSF, sources said. One of the agendas of the meeting will be to neutralize any threats emanating from Afghanistan in view of Kabul's takeover by the Taliban.

According to a senior official, data compiled, about violence in the Valley, shows that both civilian and security personnel toll have decreased in Kashmir over the past year.

Till September 30, 23 civilians were killed by terrorists, whereas the toll last year for the same period was 25. Besides, the number of civilians killed in an encounter this year was one, while five people were killed last year in encounter crossfires, according to the government data accessed by this newspaper.



As far as casualties among the security forces are concerned, 23 security force personnel were killed till September-end, while the toll was 47 last year.

At the same time, nine terrorists have surrendered till September-end, up from six terrorists last year.

The government data shows that there has been no let up by the police in terms of arrests of terrorists. J&K police nabbed 254 terrorists till the end of last month, against 256 in the last year.

Thursday's meeting also assumes importance because Shah will be visiting Jammu and Kashmir in mid of October as a part of the Centre's mega outreach programme in which 70 union ministers had to visit J&K. This will be Shah's first trip to the Union territory that was carved out of the erstwhile state after its special status under the Constitution was effectively revoked.

The distraught family members of slain pharmicist Makhan Lal Bindroo | PTI

JAMMU OUTFITS FUME AT PAKISTAN

Several organisations representing the Kashmiri Pandits and some outfits staged anti-Pakistan protests over the killing of civilians by terrorists in Jammu. They demanded enhanced security for the Kashmiri Pandits.

HURRIYAT DEPLORES CIVILIAN KILLINGS

The Hurriyat Conference, led by Mirwaiz Umar Farooq, on Wednesday expressed grief over the killing of Bindroo and two others. It urged global community to intervene in putting an end to the daily violence and loss of lives.

'You can kill the body, not the spirit'

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

THE daughter of Srinagar's slain pharmicist Makhan Lal Bindroo paid tribute to her 'warrior' father and challenged his assassins to appear for a face-to-face debate.

"Today my father is no more. But still I have a smiling face. I know my father was a warrior. He was a winner. He is living. He is going like a warrior," said a charged up Dr Shraddha Bindroo. "I am not going to shed tears. If I shed tears, it will be a tribute to the gunmen who killed my father. I will salute my father and he was a real warrior, a gem of a human being and a hardworking person."

Makhan Lal Bindroo, 68, was shot dead by militants at his shop at Srinagar's Iqbal Park area on Tuesday evening. He was among the few Kashmiri Pandits who had not left his home even when the militancy erupted in 1990.

"I am an associate professor, I started from zero. My father started from a bicycle, my brother is a famous diabetologist, my mother sits on the shop — that is what Makhan Lal Bindroo made us. A Kashmiri Pandit, he will never die. Despite being a Hindu, I have read the Quran. You can only kill the body but not the spirit. Bindroo will be alive in the spirit," said Shraddha.

"My father gave me education and politicians gave you guns and stones. You want to fight with guns and stones? That is all cowardice. All politicians are using you, come in front and fight with education," she said. "If you have courage, come and have a debate with us. Have a face-to-face debate. Then we will see what you are. You can only pelt stones and shoot people from behind. Come and face me, I am my father's daughter."

Shraddha asserted she and her family were not scared, saying a person dies only once.

Bindroo's son Dr Siddharth Bindroo said despite his father being a pharmacy owner, he made a name for himself. "He was a man of principles and never did anything that was unethical. ... Everybody loved and respected him."

Fresh after bypoll win, TMC sets eye on saffron citadel

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kolkata

AFTER the massive win in Bhowanipore, the Trinamool Congress is now eyeing to snatch Santipur and Dinhata from the BJP in the upcoming bypoll in four Assembly seats slated on October 30.

The TMC high command instructed party cadres to increase the victory margin in Khardah and Gosaba where the party won in the recent Assembly polls. "We are confident of winning Khardah and Gosaba in south Bengal. Now we are eyeing win at Dinhata in north Bengal, which emerged as BJP's citadel since the 2019 general elections and Matua-dominated Santipur in Nadia," said TMC MP Saugata Roy.

CM writes about floods to Modi

CM Mamata Banerjee wrote to the PM regarding the release of water by the Damodar Valley Corporation that she claimed led to the 'man-made' flood in riparian areas. She also sought 'some serious' actions from the Centre without any further delay.

In the Assembly elections, victory margin in Dinhata was lowest with BJP MP from Cooch Behar Nisith Pramanik defeating TMC's Udayan Guha by merely 57 votes. Pramanik resigned from the post as the BJP wanted him to continue as the MP. TMC pitted Guha again in Dinhata in the byelection.

In Santipur, the BJP's MLA too has resigned. The constituency is dominated by Matuas, a Hindu religious sect comprising scheduled caste refugees from Bangladesh.

"Moved by the BJP's promise of implementing the NRC ahead of the polls, Matuas had extended supported it. But the political equation in Matua dominated areas changed when the Centre informed Parliament in August that it did not take any decision to prepare for a nationwide NRC. The electorates realised that they were betrayed. We are expecting en bloc support from them in Santipur," said a TMC leader.

Realising the TMC onslaught on its citadel, the BJP is desperate to retain Dinhata and Santipur. "'We have engaged observers there. We believe Matuas, like previous elections, will place faith on us in Santipur. Since, north Bengal is our stronghold, we have managed to repair the damage in Dinhata..," a BJP leader said.

NCP alleges no drug found on cruise, claims plot to malign Bollywood, govt

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mumbai

THE Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) on Wednesday alleged that the drug bust on cruise ship off Mumbai coast was nothing but an attempt to target Bollywood.

NCP's chief spokesperson Nawab Malik alleged that two 'private persons' were present during the NCB raid on October 2. Claiming that one of them had BJP links, he accused the NCB of acting at the behest of the saffron party. Malik also alleged claimed that no drug seizure was made from the alleged rave party on the cruise.

"The drama (raid) was fake. They did not find drugs on the ship," Malik, who is Maharashtra Minorities Affairs Minister, said. He claimed that S K Salvi, a private detective as per his social media profile, was seen with Shah Rukh Khan's son Aryan Khan at the NCB office while Manish Bhanushali, a BJP member, was seen escorting another accused, Arbaaz Merchant.

Asking the NCB to come clean on the matter, Malik said, "The entire NCB is being used by the BJP to malign the Maharashtra government and Bollywood."

While Congress spokesperson Sachin Sawant demanded an inquiry into Malik's allegations, the NCB rubbished them. "The allegations are baseless. There is no substance in them. The private citizens helped in the raid which was conducted as per procedure," an official of the agency said.

Bhanushali claimed he was not an office bearer of any political party, and just helped the NCB. He threatened to sue Malik for defamation.

MAHARASHTRA

MVA sweeps dist, taluka panchayat poll

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mumbai

THE ruling MAHA Vikas Aghadi (MVA) emerged victorious in the local body polls in Maharashtra. It won 46 seats out of the total of 85 seats.

In Maharashtra, the district panchayat bypolls were fought fiercely by all parties. Out of 85 seats of the district panchayat, the BJP won 22 seats, Congress 19, Shiv Sena 12, NCP 12 and CPI (I) only one.

In Taluka panchayat elections, out of 144 seats, the Congress emerged as the single largest party with 36 seats. The BJP got 33 seats, NCP 18, Shiv Sena 23 and MNS only one.

The biggest setback to the BJP was in Nagpur where it lost to the Congress. The Congress won the maximum nine seats out of 16. The BJP won only three seats. While NCP won two seats, Peasant and workers Party secured only one seat.

Congress minister Ashok Chavan said the Congress had emerged as the single largest party in taluka panchayat. "We are gaining ground in Maharashtra. People have rejected the BJP because of their double standard role in Maratha and OBC reservations.

Leader of Opposition and BJP MLA Devendra Fadnavis claimed that the BJP had emerged as the single largest party in Maharashtra.

"I am grateful to all the people who voted for the BJP. In district and taluka panchayat elections, people were firmly with the BJP. The election result shows that the BJP continues to get space in Maharashtra even though no big leader had campaigned in local body bypolls," he said.

Channi speaks while having food at the home of a farmer who committed suicide; Warring interacts with eldery citizens

CHANNI, HIS COLLEAGUES DON 'AAM AADMI AVATAR'

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

PUNJAB Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi and his cabinet colleagues are donning 'Aam Aadmi avatar' ahead of the polls in the northern state.

This new 'avatar' also aims to dent the growing popularity of AAP.

On the first day after taking the oath of office, Channi said his government was of the poor, for the poor and with the poor. Channi recently came to the aid of a blind old man for whom he instructed officials to ensure free treatment from a government hospital. At Mandi Kalan village, he stopped his cavalcade to give '*shagun*' to a newly-wed poor couple. Channi tasted the sweets offered by their families. He then conveyed his best wishes with folded hands.

Channi didn't stop at this. He visited the bereaved families of farmers who had ended lives due to overriding debts. He had lunch at the house of one of the families. At a function in IK Gujral Punjab Technical University, he did an impromptu *bhangra*. A few days ago, after returning home late at night, Channi saw a few visitors waiting for him outside his official residence. The chief minister got out of his SUV, sat by the roadside and talked to them and sorted out their problems.

Channi flying economy class

Reaching out to the people

For providing easy access to sarpanches and municipal councillors in the Civil Secretariat, the government has decided to issue an entry card to them

For becoming easily approachable, Channi has ordered to prune his security cover as there were around 1,000 police personnel deployed for security. He also asked his ministers to keep their security at bare minimum. Last time when Channi he was in Delhi to meet the PM, he opted for economy class of a flight while returning home.

This visible change in the new Punjab Cabinet headed by Channi is in sharp contrast to that of his predecessor Amarinder Singh. His own party workers had accused Amarinder of being inaccessible and running the government from a farmhouse.

Taking a leaf out of Channi's book, Transport Minister Amarinder Singh Raja Warring twice travelled in the state-run transport buses. Warring also went to different bus stands. To express his sense of solidarity with sanitation workers, he picked up garbage.

Punjab Deputy Chief Minister-Cum-Home Minister Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa conducted a surprise check at Punjab Police Headquarters. His aim was to ensure that employees and officers reached on time so that the public was not inconvenienced.

EXPRESS READ

NIA takes over probe of Mundra drug haul

New Delhi: The NIA took over the probe into the seizure of 2,988 kg narcotic at the Mundra port in Gujarat, an official said. In pursuant to an MHA order, the NIA took up the investigation of the case under sections of the IPC, the NDPS Act and the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act against Machavaram Sudhakaran, Durga PV Govindaraju, Rajkumar P and others, the agency official said.

NTCA orders immediate halt of tourism in Rajaji

Dehradun: The National Tiger Conservation Authority directed the chief wildlife warden of Uttarakhand to immediately suspend tourism in critical wildlife habitat and core area of Rajaji reserve. The order came after a legal notice by a wildlife activist to the NTCA stating that opening of tourism within these areas is nothing but violation of the Wild Life (Protection) Act.

Madhya Pradesh is pride of India: Modi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

LAUDING the leadership of Madhya Pradesh chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, particularly in the area of land records digitisation, Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** termed the state, not only as *gazab* (fantastic), but also as *gaurav* (pride) of the country.

Addressing the 1.71 lakh residents of 3,000 villages through the virtual route during the distribution of rights records under the Swamitva Yojana, the PM talked about the famous punch line of MP, "*MP gazab hai*."

"We used to see on television the famous slogan MP *gazab hai*..but MP is not only *gazab* (fantastic), it's also the *gaurav* (pride) of the nation. The state also has the speed and zeal for development," the PM said in his address.

Appreciating the exemplary efforts of BJP-ruled MP in implementing central schemes, the PM said, "whenever any scheme is launched for public welfare, it is implemented in MP by the government through day and night working. Whenever I see this, I am elated."

He had special words for MP, which is ahead of other states in implementing the Swamitva Yojana, a scheme meant to establish clear ownership of property. "In all possible spheres, MP is the leading state nationally."

"I'm satisfied that the economically weak people in MP are getting the ownership papers of land easily. Citizens are being empowered and made self-dependent by giving them their rights," Modi said.

E-token at Mata Mansa Devi temple from Oct 7

Despite COVID-19 cases decreasing the Mata Mansa Devi temple administration in Panchkuala has decided to continue with the e-token scheme for devotees to pay obeisance at the temple during the nine-day Navratri festival, starting on October 7. For a set of ten minutes each, fifty token will be issued. These Darshan e-token can be obtained from the official website of the shrine www.mansadevi.org.in. Also the devotees have been advised to wear masks and follow Covid-appropriate behaviour such as social distancing in the temple complex.

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March target to finish smart electricity meter project

A deadline of March 31, next year has been fixed by the Chandigarh Administration to complete the pilot project of installation of smart electricity meters in the city. The project which was allotted to the government-owned Regional Electricity Corporation in 2018, was to be completed by June last year. According to sources, only 50 per cent of the work has been completed so far. Under the project, an odd 30,000 smart electricity meters are to be installed in Sectors 29, 31, 47 and 48, Faidan, Ram Darbar, Hallo Majra, Raipur Kalan, Makhan Majra and Daria villages and the Industrial Area. The new age meters have features which, according to officials, reduces various issues highlighted by power consumers.

Haryana govt to launch 68 'Har Hith' stores

Sixty-eight 'Har Hith' stores set up by the Haryana Agro Industries Corporation will be launched on October 7. These stores will provide groceries, including products from organisations and cooperative agencies like NAFED, HAFED and VITA. These stores are being allotted to only Haryana residents. The government will provide a platform to youth franchisees as well as MSMEs, government cooperatives, Farmer Producer Organisations and Self-help Groups to increase their business.

Vehicle registration picks up pace in Chandigarh

The registration of vehicles has gone up in Chandigarh as from January to September this year 25,005 vehicles registered as compared to 19,005 last year during the same period. Last year, only 29,259 were registered in Registration and Licensing Authority. Before the Covid pandemic in 2019 45,986 vehicles and in 2018 45,267 vehicles were registered. Also, RLA has started to register the vehicles of Bharat Series (BH). As of now, it has got one such application and told the applicant to submit the set of required documents. Earlier, a system was put up in place for vehicle owners to get registered at the offices of dealers.

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	21	15	HR	Los Angeles	22	17	SNY
Colombo	29	26	TDS	Melbourne	15	6	LR
Dhaka	33	27	TDS	Moscow	11	-1	LR
Dubai	38	28	SNY	New York	24	18	SNY
Houston	32	20	SNY	Singapore	31	27	LC
Istanbul	22	16	SNY	Toronto	18	16	LC
London	20	14	LC	Washington	24	17	LC

MAJOR SPEECH

WILL REVAMP ECONOMY, END DRIFT: BRITISH PM

Says Britain is embarking on a long overdue change of direction, will end pre-Brexit model of uncontrolled immigration

LONDON

PRIME Minister Boris Johnson shrugged off Britain's problems of empty gas pumps, worker shortages and gaps on store shelves as he told fellow Conservatives on Wednesday that the UK would emerge from Brexit and the coronavirus pandemic as a more productive and dynamic nation.

Johnson told the party's annual conference that he'd end "decades of drift and dither" and tackle "long-term structural weaknesses," especially a reliance on low-cost labour from abroad.

"We're embarking now on a change of direction that has been long overdue in the UK economy," Johnson said, vowing "not to use immigration as an excuse for the failure to invest."

Relaxed and ebullient in front of a friendly crowd, Johnson did not note that much of the alleged drift and dither came under Conservative governments. The party has been in power for two-thirds of the past four decades. Johnson extoled the "Brexit freedoms" brought by Britain's exit from the European Union, even as shortages of truck drivers and other workers cause economic hiccups. Brexit ended the right of EU citizens to work visa-free in Britain and has left growing gaps in the economy.

UK PM Boris Johnson poses with wife after delivering his keynote speech on the final day of the Conservative Party Conference on Wednesday | AFP

Delegates at the conference in Manchester, northwest England, gave a standing ovation to a speech that was long on optimism but short on concrete policies, and seemed well insulated from the world outside.

Britain has been through a turbulent time since the Conservatives last met in person two years ago. Then, Johnson vowed to "get Brexit done" after years of wrangling over Britain's exit terms from the EU. That promise won Johnson a huge parliamentary majority in December 2019. He led Britain out of the EU last year, ending the UK's seamless economic integration with a trading bloc of almost half a billion people. The pandemic, which put much of the economy on ice, and Brexit have combined to throw UK's economy out of sync.

Supply problems are causing the most widespread economic disruption in years.

A truck driver shortage, due partly to a testing backlog and partly to an exodus of European workers, has snarled supply chains. That has left supermarkets with some empty shelves, fast-food chains without chicken and gas pumps dry. This week the government called in the army, getting soldiers to drive tanker trucks. *AFP*

HIS PLAN FOR A NEW BRITAIN

Here are the main points from British Prime Minister Boris Johnson's speech on Wednesday to his ruling Conservative Party's annual conference

TRAINING LOCAL WORKFORCE

The British Prime Minister called for a long overdue change of direction from the "broken model" of an over-reliance on "uncontrolled immigration", which he said had kept wages low

Instead, he said there needed to be more investment in people, skills and facilities to create a "high-wage, high-skilled, high-productivity" economy

GLOBAL POWER

Johnson described his "Global Britain" foreign policy as defending human rights and the rule of law around the world

He defended a controversial new defence alliance with Australia and the United States (AUKUS) because of the new focus on China's ambitions in the Indo-Pacific region

PUSH FOR BETTER POLICING

Johnson vowed increased policing and tougher sentencing of criminals, and criticised climate protesters who have repeatedly disrupted traffic in recent weeks

'NO' TO EDITING HISTORY

The British leader defended his position on anti-racism protests last year that saw calls for colonial-era statues to be taken down and a review of the country's imperial past

"We attack and deny history at our peril," he said

"We Conservatives will defend our history and cultural inheritance, not because we're proud of everything but because trying to edit it now is as dishonest as a celebrity trying furtively to change his entry in Wikipedia, and it is a betrayal of our children's education," the British leader added

'Tensions with China highest in 4 decades'

TAIPEI

MILITARY tensions between China and Taiwan are at their highest in four decades, the island's defence minister warned on Wednesday, adding Beijing would be in a position to launch a full-scale invasion in 2025.

Taiwan lives under the constant threat of invasion by China, which views the self-ruled democratic island as its territory to be seized one day, by force if necessary.

Defence Minister Chiu Kuo-cheng offered his assessment after around 150 Chinese warplanes—a record number that included nuclear-capable bombers—made incursions into Taiwan's air defence zone starting on Friday. "For the military, the current situation is the grimmest in the more than 40 years since I joined the service," Chiu told parliament.

He warned that even "slight carelessness" or "miscalculation" could spark a crisis, and that China would be able to launch an invasion of the island in four years.

Taiwan's deputy foreign minister Harry Tseng (R) greets French Senator Alain Richard (2nd R) at the Taoyuan international airport in Taoyuan on Wednesday | AFP

"It is capable now but it has to calculate what it would cost, and what kind of outcome it wishes to achieve," Chiu said.

"After 2025, the cost and losses would be lowered to a minimum," he added, without providing further details.

Chinese President Xi Jinping, who has called the seizure of Taiwan "inevitable", also described relations with Taipei as "grim" in a letter to the island's newly elected main opposition leader last week. Beijing has ramped up military, diplomatic and economic pressure since Tsai Ing-wen became Taiwan's president in 2016, as she views the island as "already independent" and not part of "one China". "Actions taken by... (China) have seriously damaged peace and stability in the region," Tsai said Wednesday.

"I want to tell the authority in Beijing that it has to exercise restraint to avoid potential conflicts due to miscalculations or accidents."

Tsai said recently that Taiwan will "do whatever it takes" to defend against threats, but seeks peaceful coexistence with China. The Chinese flights have also prompted criticism by Washington.

When asked about the situation, President Joe Biden told reporters Tuesday that he had discussed Taiwan with Xi. "We will abide by the Taiwan agreement. That's where we are and we made it clear that I don't think he should be doing anything other than abiding by the agreement," he said. *AFP*

ENEMIES STEALING AMERICAN SPIES: CIA

NEW YORK

US counterintelligence officials are warning CIA stations around the world about "troubling" numbers of informants recruited from other nations to spy for America being captured or killed, according to a media report which said in recent years "adversarial intelligence services" in countries such as Russia, China, Iran and Pakistan have hunted down the agency's sources and turned them into double agents in some cases.

The New York Times said in a report that "top American counterintelligence officials warned every CIA station and base around the world last week about troubling numbers of informants recruited from other countries to spy for the United States being captured or killed."

The message was sent in an unusual top secret cable and said that "the CIA's counterintelligence mission center had looked at dozens of cases in the last several years involving foreign informants who had been killed, arrested or most likely compromised."

The cable also highlighted 'the struggle the spy agency is having as it works to recruit spies around the world in difficult operating environments.

"In recent years, adversarial intelligence services in countries such as Russia, China, Iran and Pakistan have been hunting down the CIA's sources and in some cases turning them into double agents," the NYT report said on Tuesday.

The report also said that sometimes, informants who are discovered by adversarial intelligence services are not arrested, "but instead are turned into double agents who feed disinformation to the CIA, which can have devastating effects on intelligence collection and analysis. Pakistanis have been particularly effective in this sphere," the report quoted former officials as saying. *PTI*

EXPRESS READ

US post office renamed to honour Sikh cop killed on duty

Houston: A post office in west Houston has been renamed after Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal, in a fitting tribute to the trailblazing Indian-American Sikh police officer who died after being shot multiple times from behind while on duty in Texas in 2019. Dhaliwal, the beloved 42-year-old Harris County Sheriff"s Deputy and a father of three, was gunned down during a traffic stop on September 27. Dhaliwal made headlines in 2015 when he became the first police officer in Texas to serve while keeping his Sikh articles of faith. "Our fallen brother Deputy Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal was honoured by renaming a postal office in west Harris County in his memory,' Harris County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) said in a tweet on Wednesday.

Dubai ruler ordered hacking of ex-wife's phone: Judge

LONDON

DUBAI'S ruler Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al-Maktoum authorised the use of spying software to hack the phone of his ex-wife, according to a British court ruling published on Wednesday.

The phone of Princess Haya Bint Al Hussein, 47, and those of her lawyers and others in her entourage were hacked using Pegasus spyware during the pair's acrimonious divorce custody case in London, the High Court found.

The 72-year-old sheikh, who is the vice-president and prime minister of the UAE, gave his "express or implied authority" for the phone of Princess Haya to be hacked with the multi-million-pound software only available to national governments, the ruling said.

Presiding judge Andrew McFarlane concluded Sheikh Mohammed was "prepared to use the arm of the state to achieve what he regards as right", explaining the surveillance of at least six phones was attempted. "He has harassed and intimidated (her) both before her departure to England and since," he added.

In March 2020, McFarlane ruled on the balance of probability that the billionaire Emirati sheikh had ordered the abduction of two of his daughters by another marriage and subjected Princess Haya to a campaign of fear. She was forced to flee to London in 2019 with their two children. *AFP*

Pak Army transfers ISI head in surprise rejig

ISLAMABAD

IN a surprise move, Pakistan Army on Wednesday transferred the powerful spy agency ISI's chief Lieutenant General Faiz Hameed and appointed him as Peshawar Corps Commander.

However, his replacement on the key post of Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) chief was not immediately announced. Hameed was appointed as head of the spy agency on June 16, 2019, in a military shake-up. He is considered as close to Army chief General Qamar Bajwa and was appointed as ISI head at a crucial time due to several external and internal security challenges.

He oversaw the crucial changes in Afghanistan where the Taliban took control in August. In September, he visited Kabul and told the media in a brief chat that "everything will be ok" in Afghanistan amid rumours about differences among Taliban ranks. The Army, in an official statement, also announced two more senior-level postings. Lt Gen Mohammad Amir was posted as Gujranwala corps commander, while Lt Gen Asim Munir was appointed as the Quarter Master General of the Army. *PTI*

EU mounts pressure on SL to reform anti-terror law

BRUSSELS

THE European Union has told Sri Lanka that it must amend a controversial anti-terror law that gives police sweeping powers to arrest suspects without trial to retain a lucrative trade status with the 27-member economic bloc. The issue was discussed during the visit of a team of senior EU officials to the island nation. During the visit, the EU monitoring mission reviewed Sri Lanka's progress in implementing 27 international conventions applicable under the Generalised Scheme of Preferences Plus (GSP+), a favourable trade scheme to encourage developing nations to respect human rights. "The monitoring mission addressed issues impacting human rights and the rule of law, economic social and cultural rights and labour relations," according to a statement at the end of the 10-day visit on Tuesday. The visiting mission discussed the Prevention of Terrorism Act, recalling that its amendment was a key commitment in readmitting Sri Lanka to the GSP+ in 2017. *PTI*

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This is to inform the General Public that our client has negotiated with **Mr. Mohamed Ayub Salim**, S/o. Late Abusalia, aged about 47 years and **Mrs. Heena Salim** W/o Mr. Mohamed Ayub Salim, aged about 32 years, residing at No.178/S, 1 Sulks Road, Savoy Hotel Line, Ooty 643001, to purchase the Schedule Property for valuable consideration. Any person(s) claiming any right, title or interest of whatsoever nature over the Schedule Property is called upon to lodge such claim with the undersigned, with supporting documents within 7 days from the date of this publication. In the event no such claim(s) is received within the stipulated time, it shall be lawful for our client to presume that there are no valid claim(s) adverse to **Mr. Mohamed Ayub Salim** S/o. Late Abusalia, and **Mrs. Heena Salim** W/o Mr. Mohamed Ayub Salim's right, title and interest in the Schedule Property and proceed with the proposed sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential Flat bearing No. FF-202, in the First Floor, with Super Built-up Area of 925 sq. ft.along with Undivided Share in Land of 245 sq.ft in the building known as 'The Grand Properties" constructed on property bearing Municipal No.7 (PID No.86-16-7), Balaji Layout, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 40 ft., North to South 60 ft. in all measuring 2400 sq.ft and bounded on

East by : Road,
West by : Plot No.10, Balaji Layout
North by : Plot No.8, Balaji Layout
South by : Plot No.6, Balaji Layout

M/s. B.M. Associates, Advocates, No.7/1, G.J. Complex, 100 feet Road, Indiranagar 1st Stage, Bengaluru -560 038.

SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

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Special E-Auction for the month of October-2021 & E-Auction Programme for the month of NOVEMBER & DECEMBER-2021

Special E-Auction Date: 21.10.2021

Divisions / Depots: SECUNDERABAD, HYDERABAD, GUNTUR, VIJAYAWADA, NANDED, LALLAGUDA, RAYANAPADU, TIRUPATI.

NOVEMBER e-Auction - 2021

DATE	DIVN/DEPOT
01.11.21	SECUNDERABAD, TIRUPATI
02.11.21	HYDERABAD, RAYANAPADU
03.11.21	NANDED, LALLAGUDA
05.11.21	GUNTAKAL, GUNTUR
08.11.21	VIJAYAWADA
09.11.21	SECUNDERABAD, TIRUPATI
10.11.21	HYDERABAD, RAYANAPADU
11.11.21	NANDED, LALLAGUDA
12.11.21	GUNTAKAL, GUNTUR
15.11.21	VIJAYAWADA
16.11.21	SECUNDERABAD, TIRUPATI
17.11.21	HYDERABAD, RAYANAPADU
18.11.21	NANDED, LALLAGUDA
19.11.21	GUNTAKAL, GUNTUR
22.11.21	VIJAYAWADA
23.11.21	SECUNDERABAD, TIRUPATI
24.11.21	HYDERABAD, RAYANAPADU
25.11.21	NANDED, LALLAGUDA
26.11.21	GUNTAKAL, GUNTUR
29.11.21	VIJAYAWADA
30.11.21	SECUNDERABAD, HYDERABAD, GUNTAKAL, GUNTUR, VIJAYAWADA, NANDED, LALLAGUDA, RAYANAPADU, TIRUPATI

DECEMBER e-Auction - 2021

DATE	DIVN/DEPOT
01.12.21	SECUNDERABAD, TIRUPATI
02.12.21	HYDERABAD, RAYANAPADU
03.12.21	NANDED, LALLAGUDA
06.12.21	GUNTAKAL, GUNTUR
07.12.21	VIJAYAWADA
08.12.21	SECUNDERABAD, TIRUPATI
09.12.21	HYDERABAD, RAYANAPADU
10.12.21	NANDED, LALLAGUDA
13.12.21	GUNTAKAL, GUNTUR
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31.12.21	SECUNDERABAD, HYDERABAD, GUNTAKAL, GUNTUR, VIJAYAWADA, NANDED, LALLAGUDA, RAYANAPADU, TIRUPATI

A1113 Principal Chief Material Manager/Secunderabad

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(Office of the Principal Chief Materials Manager)
1, Nawab Yusuf Road, Civil Lines, Prayagraj-211001 Fax No.: 0532-2407797

No.: CORE/S/2101/5620 CORRIGENDUM–1 Dated: 05.10.2021
Following corrigendum in regard to E-Tender No. **CORE/S/2101/5620** due on **08.10.2021** is issued:-

Tender Due Date	
From	To
08/10/2021	25.10.2021

All other terms and conditions shall remain unchanged. Full details of Tender are available on IREPS web site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in.

No. PR/155/2021
R.D. Adv

PCMM
CORE/Prayagraj
For & on behalf of President of India

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ATAL BHUJAL YOJANA (ATAL-JAL)
(Minor Irrigation & Ground Water Development Department)
Office of the Project Director, Atal Bhujal Yojana, No 1/1, 2nd Floor, KSFC Bhavan, Thimmaiah Road, Bengaluru 560052.
Email: karnatakabhay@gmail.com

No: AtalJal/IEC//10/2021-22 Date : 07.10.2021

SHORT TENDER NOTIFICATION
DESIGNING, PRINTING AND SUPPLY OF IEC MATERIALS

Atal Bhujal Yojana, invites tender through e Procurement Portal from Printers for designing, printing and supply of IEC Materials with necesary documents.

The detailed notification regarding eligibility and other details can be obtained by logging on to www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. The tender document can be downloaded through "e-procurement portal" from 07.10.2021,11:00 hrs. onwards and last date for receipt of tender is on or before 18.10.2021, 17.30 hrs.

Further details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned during the office hours from 10:00 to 17:30 hrs.

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(CONSTRUCTION ORGANISATION) E-TENDER
TENDER NOTICE NO: 03-DYCE-CN-IV-MDU-OT
DATED: 04-10-2021

For and on behalf of The President of India, the Deputy Chief Engineer, Construction, IV, Southern Railway, Arasaradi, Madurai - 625 016 invites e-tender for the work as per Notice inviting Tender (NIT) in our portal www.ireps.gov.in The tenderers / Contractors intending to apply for the tender needs to get enrolled in the portal www.ireps.gov.in and **only online tenders will be accepted.**

Item No.: 1.

Name of work: Dindigul - Pollachi Section: Proposed Construction of Limited Use Subway in lieu of existing Level Crossing No.6 with cast in situ RCC Box of size 11.40x3.75m (SQ) with foot path on either side at Km 3/100-200 between Dindigul and Akkaraipatti Stations (Pink Book Item No. 198 of 2021-22).

Approximate Cash Value in Rupees: 27096082.79.

Period of Completion in Month(s): Six.

Closing / Opening Date @: 28-10-2021 / 11.00Hrs

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Market Watch

MARKET			FOREX	
555.15 ▼	Sensex	59,189.73	Dollar	74.86
176.30 ▼	Nifty	17,646	Euro	86.41

Nod to ₹4,445-cr scheme for 7 mega textile parks

10 states have shown interest in PM MITRA, says textile minister

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

IN order to promote India's textile sector and make exports competitive, Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved PM MITRA (Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel) scheme to set up seven integrated textile parks, with an investment of ₹4,445 crore over five years.

The scheme, which was announced in the Budget speech this year, will develop MITRA parks by a special purpose vehicle, owned by state government and Centre, in public-private partnership mode. The parks will be set up at greenfield and brownfield sites in states willing to participate under the scheme.

In a media briefing post Cabinet meeting, Union Textile Minister Piyush Goyal said that the Centre is in talks with the states for the scheme and 10 states have already shown interest, including Tamil Nadu, Punjab, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Assam, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Telangana. The PM MITRA scheme is expected to create direct employment for 7 lakh people and indirect employment for 14 lakh people, Goyal said.

NEW THREAD

₹500 crore
Centre's support for each greenfield park

₹200 crore
To be given for each brownfield park

₹300 crore
For each park as Competitiveness Incentive Support

7 LAKH DIRECT AND 14 LAKH INDIRECT JOBS TO BE CREATED

The Centre will provide support of up to ₹500 crore each to greenfield park and up to ₹200 crore each for brownfield park under the scheme for development of infrastructure.

Also it will provide ₹300 crore as Competitiveness Incentive Support (CIS) to each PM MITRA park for early establishment of manufacturing units.

The textile parks will have an incubation centre and plug-and-play facility, developed factory sites, roads, power, water and wastewater system, common processing house and other related facilities like design centre and testing centres. They will also have support infrastructure like workers' hostels and housing, logistics park, warehousing, medical facilities and training and skill development facilities.

The parks will have 50% area for pure manufacturing activity, 20% for utilities, and 10% for commercial development.

"This will enhance the competitiveness of the textiles industry by helping it in achieving economies of scale and will create huge job opportunities for millions," the government said.

18% GST on ice cream sold at parlour

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

SERVICES provided by cloud kitchen are covered under restaurant services and will attract GST of 5% without any input tax credit, Central Board of Indirect Tax said in a clarification note issued on Wednesday.

"It has been clarified that service provided by way of cooking and supply of food, by cloud kitchens/central kitchens are covered under "restaurant service", and hence will attract 5% GST (without ITC)," the CBIC note said.

The board has also clarified that where ice cream parlours sell already manufactured ice-cream, it is the supply of ice cream as goods and not as a service, even if the supply has certain ingredients of service. So accordingly, ice cream sold by a parlour or any similar outlet would attract GST at the rate of 18%. Earlier the advance ruling authorities in some cases have concluded that the ice cream sold in ice cream parlour would be covered under restaurant services, except when sold in bulk orders) and therefore attract 5% GST (without ITC).

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"While the circular provides necessary clarity on GST treatment for ice cream parlours, it might open area of doubts for other such food suppliers who sell already manufactured food item with only a certain ingredient of service," Abhishek Jain, Tax Partner, EY, says.

The Board had received representations seeking clarification in respect of GST rates on the various activities including admission to amusement parks and services supplied by contract manufacture to brand owners or others for the manufacturing of alcoholic liquor for human consumption, among others. The board cilarified that 28% rate will be applicable on admission to a place having a casino or race club, or admission to a sporting event like IPL. Rest all places will attract rate of 18%.

CBIC added that alcohol is not food, so services by way of job work related to the manufacturing of alcoholic liquor for human consumption are not eligible for the GST rate of 5% prescribed under the said entry. GST Council suggested 18% GST on such job work.

TODAY'S STOCK PICK

Current Price ₹456.85

Target Price ₹600

SBIN

While business trends were impacted by the lockdowns, loan growth is likely to recover gradually over FY22-23E. We estimate PPOP at 14% CAGR over FY21-23E v/s 6% CAGR (FY18-21), enabling SBIN to achieve ~15% RoE (decadal high) by FY23E. Subsidiaries (SBI MF, SBILIFE, SBICARD, SBI Cap) have exhibited robust performances over last few years.

— Motilal Oswal Securities Limited

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Rupee slides further; inches closer to 75 level

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THE slide in rupee continues as Indian currency shed 54 paise against US dollar on Wednesday to end at a five-month low of 74.98, just shy of the 75 level.

Rupee touched an intra-day low of 74.99 after it opened the day at 74.63. It reached a peak of 74.54 during the day. In the last one month the rupee has depreciated by 2.3% against the US dollar.

The 54 paise slump in rupee on Wednesday came as a surprise to experts who felt that Moody's revising the India outlook to stable should have strengthened the currency.

The recent fall in rupee is attributed to a combination of reasons including rising oil prices, weakness in equity markets, rising bond yields and the anticipation that central banks across the world would start rolling back the easy monetary policies leading to liquidity glut.

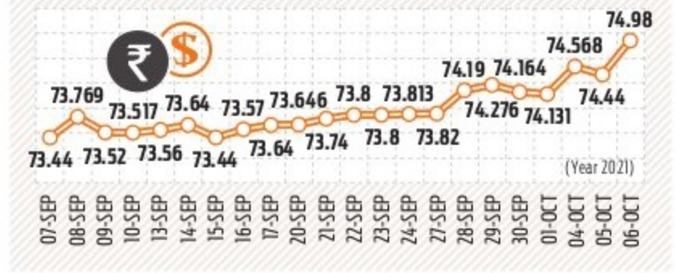
"Rupee fell sharply primarily on the back of weakness in domestic and global equities and also as the dollar rose to fresh one-year level. Market participants remain cautious also ahead of the important RBI policy statement that is scheduled to be released this Friday," says Gaurang Somaiyaa, Forex and Bullion Analyst, Motilal Oswal Financial Services.

He says that any concerns over higher inflation in the RBI policy meeting could also weigh on the rupee.

Crude oil prices globally have rallied steadily in the past few weeks, and that is adding to worries for India's elevated oil import bill. In the last one month, Brent Crude prices have jumped 12% from $72.54 a barrel to ₹81.10 on Wednesday. It touched a high of $82.81 on Wednesday. India's oil import bill almost trebled to $25 billion in the first quarter of the current financial year against $8.5 billion in the previous year even though in volume terms the oil import grew by only 15%.

Meanwhile, currency experts expect the rupee to trade in the 74.8-75.2 range in the short term.

RUPEE MOVEMENT IN LAST ONE MONTH



Mercedes luxury car sales jump 100% in India during Q3 CY21

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

INDIA'S largest luxury car maker Mercedes-Benz registered a near 100% growth in its sales volume during the third quarter of the calendar year 2021. The German brand delivered 4,101 new cars across India in Q3CY21, making this one of the most successful quarters for the company in India. In the same quarter last year, Mercedes had sold only 2,060 units as Covid had severely disrupted economic activity.

The growth comes even as automakers are cutting down production capacity due to semi-conductor shortage, economy yet to fully recover from the second Covid-19 wave, fuel prices are at record high and few auto brands struggling to find a strong consumer base.

So far in 2021, Mercedes has managed to sell 8,958 units, which is more than its total sales in 2020. Mercedes claims that its sales in India could have been 20% higher in normal conditions.

Martin Schwenk, MD & CEO, Mercedes-Benz India, said, "We already have crossed our 2020 numbers in the first nine months this year, and the current market momentum gives us confidence for the festive season. Our product offensive for the Indian market this year is far from over and the customers can expect some of the most exciting vehicles lined-up for their India debut this quarter."

He added that the company would work towards producing as many cars as possible to cater to the unprecedented demand, secure supply chain and continue to mitigate the current challenges faced by the entire auto industry.

German carmaker BMW India also witnessed a strong growth in sales in Q3CY21. The BMW and the Mini brand together sold 2,636 units here in the September ending quarter, up 90% over last quarter.

At $1.9 billion, CoinSwitch Kuber 2nd crypto unicorn

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

COINSWITCH Kuber on Wednesday entered the unicorn club, closing a $260+ million Series C funding round from Andreessen Horowitz (a16z), Coinbase Ventures and existing investors Paradigm, Ribbit Capital, Sequoia Capital India and Tiger Global.

This investment makes the crypto start-up the second crypto unicorn and the most valuable cryptocurrency company in India valued at $1.9 billion.

CoinSwitch Kuber will utilise the funds for introduction of new crypto products, leadership hiring, addition of new asset classes, crypto awareness and education among others, the crypto start-up said in a company statement.

CoinSwitch Kuber is on a mission to build wealth for Indians by making crypto more accessible, said Ashish Singhal, Co-founder and CEO of the start-up.

"I believe, simplifying crypto investments for the Indian youth has helped us to stand out. We wanted to remove all the complexities in crypto trading, educate consumers and give them a simplified experience of one-click buy and sell in crypto," said Singhal.

"We are humbled by the trust shown in CoinSwitch Kuber by two of the biggest names in the global crypto investment arena with Andreessen Horowitz choosing us to be their first investment in India," Singhal added in the statement.

More HRs use tech to track staff productivity

SAMIKSHA GOEL @ New Delhi

HR chiefs and leaders of organisations have increasingly opted for HR tech solutions during the lockdown as they struggled to keep a track on employee productivity in the same period.

Around 53% of the business leaders said they switched to HR tech solutions, says a survey by HR tech platform Qandle. It suggests 63% of HRs and leaders pivoted their functioning and introduced these solutions for the first time to manage the workforce.

In the early days of the lockdown, however, over 21% of the company leaders across all sectors said that motivating employees daily was the biggest challenge, followed by tracking their productivity efficiently. The prime factors which drove them towards HR Tech solutions, says the survey, is tracking productivity with 29.6% mentioning that as their first priority.

In terms of how much the solutions have helped. over 37.9% respondents stated to have seen the situation improve, while 48.3% saw only a little progress.

"People have been familiar with HR Tech for payroll, hence the chances of getting disappointed there were less. However, tracking employee productivity was a new demand, where the solutions are still not refined enough," Himanshu Aggarwal, Co-founder and CTO, Qandle said.

EXPRESS READ

Telcos' bank guarantee requirement down 80%

New Delhi: The Department of Telecom has slashed performance and financial bank guarantee requirement of telecom operators by 80%, according to a licence amendment note issued on Wednesday. Telecom operators will now be required to provide a performance bank guarantee of up to ₹44 crore for each service for the telecom licence compared to ₹220 crore mandated under the old rule. Similarly, telecom operators will need to provide a financial bank guarantee of maximum ₹8.8 crore per circle now.

In last stage of finalising global minimum tax: FM

FINANCE Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Wednesday said India is "very close" to arriving at the specifics of the two-pillar taxation proposition at the G20 and is in the last stage of finalising the details.

A total of 130 countries had in July agreed to an overhaul of global tax norms to ensure that multinationals pay taxes wherever they operate and at a minimum 15% rate.

The Finance Ministry had then said that some significant issues including share of profit allocation and scope of subject to tax rules are yet to be addressed and a 'consensus agreement' is expected by October after working out the technical details of the proposal.

The proposed two-pillar solution consists of two components - Pillar One which is about reallocation of additional share of profit to the market jurisdictions and Pillar Two consisting of minimum tax and subject to tax rules.

Speaking at the ICRIER's Annual International G20 Conference, Sitharaman said the two-pillar solution of international taxation issue will reach an advanced implementation stage which India will have to pilot. "At this stage, we are very close to arriving at something in terms of the specifics of the two-pillar proposition. We already had a conversation and agreed to a framework... We are in the last stages of finalising the details. So I won't think it is time appropriate for me to spell the details of what we are agreeing on but these are the things on which the conversation is ongoing," Sitharaman said.

The finance ministers of G-20 countries are scheduled to meet on October 13 in Washington. *PTI*

NEW BUSINESS

Godrej enters premium segment with baby care range

SAMIKSHA GOEL @ New Delhi

FMCG major Godrej Consumer Products Limited (GCPL), which is known for its affordable product portfolio, has for the first time made a move into the premium market with the launch of its new baby care range 'goodnessme' on Wednesday.

While Sunil Kataria, CEO - India & SAARC, GCPL, said it's too early to talk about the revenues that they aim for the vertical to add, he mentioned senior manpower has been put in place as the company plans to develop the brand over the next 2-3 years. "In three years time, we would love to add ₹50-70 crore revenue but it's too early to say right now," he said.

Kataria estimated the total offline and online baby care market to be around ₹2,500 crore, in which the online market would be around ₹500 crore. He, however, mentions, "We will be at the premium end of the market which would be worth ₹100 crore."

He added that the baby skin care range is Certified COSMOS Organic by ECOCERT, France. The range includes a variety of products for babies like soap, oil, lotion, multipurpose cream, head-to-toe wash, and so on.

CHINESE REALTY BUBBLE BURST LOOMING AS STRESS SPREADS BEYOND EVERGRANDE

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

THE over-leveraged Chinese real estate market has begun to unravel with another developer, Fantasia Holdings Group, failing to repay $206 million debt this week. This triggered a slew of rating downgrades of real estate debt papers and created panic among investors.

Experts are keeping a close tab on a dozen real estate firms, which are up for debt repayment by the end of this year. The next in line are Xinyuan Real Estate Co, which has a $229 million debt repayment due on October 15 and Central China Real Estate, which is supposed to repay a $400 million bond on November 8.

The default by Fantasia Holdings comes close on the heels of Evergrande missing interest payment of $83 million on September 24. Evergrande has a total debt of $300 billion. Experts fear another default by a realty firm in China may trigger a domino effect leading to a global financial crisis of the magnitude of Lehman Brothers in 2008, which wiped off bond and equity markets across the world. The effect has already started showing. After an impressive run over the past 18 months, Indian equity markets are now cautious with China remaining an immediate risk.

"Asian equities have seen heavy foreign outflows since the start of this month on concerns about China's property sector," said Deepak Jasani, head of retail research, HDFC Securities.

Bond yields have also inched up on fear of widespread defaults by Chinese firms. China recorded corporate bond defaults worth $9.68 billion in the first half of this year.

Markets snap two-day gaining streak as soaring oil prices dampen spirit

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Indian benchmark indices snapped a two-day gaining streak to end Wednesday's session nearly 1% lower as negative global cues weighed on investors' sentiment. The BSE Sensex fell 555 points to close at 59,189 while the Nifty closed below the 17,650-mark at 17,646, down 176 points.

According to experts, rising crude oil and gas prices is likely to affect India's equity market as it poses inflationary risk and may even hamper corporate earnings.

Vinit Bolinjkar, Head of Research, Ventura Securities Ltd, said that the rising fuel prices can result in rise in retail inflation, making a host of essential commodities and services costlier. "Inflation beyond certain point is not good for the markets as there is always a fear of RBI then tightening its current accommodative stance," he said. However, he added that the current fall is also due to other headwinds like power crisis in China, Evergrande crises and overall high valuations.

According to Kshitij Purohit, Lead Commodities and Currency, CapitalVia Global Research, the prices of fossil fuels affect many sectors of the Indian economy. "For example, the auto industry is a significant contributor to employment in the country. However, because fuel prices have risen so dramatically, people are delaying the purchase of new vehicles. This has an effect on the profit margins of these companies, which has an indirect effect on other sectors," said Purohit.

He added that the rise in oil prices is also likely to aggravate the government's situation. "Rising oil prices reduce GDP by approximately 0.5% for every $10 increase...Oil prices can influence inflationary pressures in an economy by raising the cost of inputs," he said. Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services, said, "RBI commenced its 3-day MPC meeting in which the central bank is expected to keep rates unchanged, however, it is likely to announce measures to gradually pump out liquidity from the economy."

Holding slams ECB's call to cancel Pak tours

West Indies legend Michael Holding says England's decision to cancel its white-ball tours of Pakistan smacked of "western arrogance". The ECB cancelled both the men's and women's series, citing "mental and physical well-being" of players and security concerns. "The ECB statement doesn't wash with me. No substance," Holding was quoted as saying by BBC Sport.

INDIA SWEEP HOCKEY AWARDS

Eight win individual FIH honours, players from other teams question voting process

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @Chennai

ON Wednesday, the International Hockey Federation (FIH) announced the eight winners of the Hockey Stars Awards, one of the biggest individual prizes available in the sport. All the eight available awards went to Indians and coaches of both senior national teams. Even if there is an automatic India advantage — fans form a percentage of the overall vote and India has the most number of fans — former and current players of other countries weren't particularly thrilled about the outcome.

Replying to the FIH's post on Instagram, a lot could only manage 'face with tears of joy' emoji. Belgium's Victor Wegnez, part of the team that won the Olympic gold, said 'what a joke this is'. Argentina's Gonzalo Peillat, who won gold with them in 2016, called it a 'scandal'.

"I have been saying for a long time, this system is completely poorly made and unprofessional," he wrote.

"This causes the federation that represents the coaches and players to lose all kinds of respect internationally. (...) then we ask ourselves why we are not growing as a sport #skandal". Belgium's Florent Van Aubel sarcastically congratulated 'India on winning the 2023 World Cup'.

The Belgium hockey federation themselves were inclined to quote tweet the original FIH post with a rebuke of sorts on Twitter.

"Hockey Belgium is very disappointed with the outcome of @FIH_Hockey Star Awards," the body wrote. "A gold winning team with multiple nominees in all categories but doesn't win a single award demonstrates failure of the voting system. We will work with FIH to ensure a fairer system in the future."

This is a valid question considering somebody like Alexander Hendrickx, who scored the most number of goals at the Olympics and in the Pro League (two of the main tournaments within the voting period from Jan 1, 2020 to September 2021), finished in second place behind Harmanpreet Singh in the 'Player of the Year (Man)' category. Likewise, Belgium coach Shane McLeod also finished second behind Graham Reid even after leading his side to titles in both the Pro League as well as the Olympics.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Awards winners

WOMEN

FIH Player of the Year
Gurjit Kaur

FIH Coach of the Year
Sjoerd Marijne

FIH Goalkeeper of the Year
Savita

FIH Rising Star of the Year
Sharmila Devi

MEN

FIH Player of the Year
Harmanpreet Singh

FIH Coach of the Year
Graham Reid

FIH Goalkeeper of the Year
PR Sreejesh

FIH Rising Star of the Year
Vivek Sagar Prasad

Wrestler Anshu creates history at World C'ships

FIROZ MIRZA @Chennai

DAYS before her debut in the senior World Championships, wrestler Anshu Malik was appearing in her BA final year examinations. In the circumstances, she decided to skip the national camp being held for selected wrestlers at IG Stadium in New Delhi. At the time, Anshu's schedule was insanely hectic. After training in the morning at Nidani Sports School in her village, she used to travel 120km to-and-fro to appear for her examinations in Rohtak. On her return in the evening, the first thing she used to do was to train.

All those hard yards put in by Anshu eventually bore fruit on Wednesday when she created history by becoming the first Indian woman wrestler to enter the Worlds final in 57kg weight category in Oslo, Norway. Ever since the first Women's Freestyle World Championship, which was held in 1987, Indian women have won five medals, all of which are bronze.

"She is good at studies since the beginning, so she did not want to skip the examinations," Dharamvir Malik, Anshu's father, said. "On exam days, we used to travel 120km but that didn't stop her from training. It was difficult but she managed it," he added.

The 20-year-old registered a dominating (11-0) win by superiority over Solomiia Vynnyk of Ukraine to storm into the final. She will meet USA's Helen Louise Maroulis, a two-time Worlds gold medallist and also the first American woman to win an Olympic gold (2016 Rio), in the final on Thursday. Incidentally, she achieved the feat while nursing an elbow injury (muscle tear). "She was carrying this elbow injury but it's getting better. We are confident that she will be at her best in the final," women's team head coach Kuldeep Malik told this daily from Oslo.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

EXPRESS READ

FCBU, Rajasthan United share spoils

BENGALURU: FC Bengaluru United (FCBU) opened their I-League qualfiers campaign with a 1-1 draw against Rajasthan United FC here on Wednesday. Pedro Manzi scored for FCBU in the 41st minute of the game while Rajasthan equalised through Sukhjit Singh in the 78th minute. FCBU defender Kinshuk Debnath was shown the red card in the 86th minute.

SAFF Championship: India seek first win

MALE: After a 1-1 draw against 10-man Bangladesh, India will need to quickly get their act together as they take on Sri Lanka in their second SAFF Championship match here on Thursday. The Indians go into the game on the back of a disappointing stalemate with Bangladesh.

India women face Oz in first T20I today

KOCHI: India's tour of Australia has so far produced a mixed bag of results. The visitors lost the ODI series 2-1. The one-off pink-ball Test was a closely fought affair that finished all square. Now, the three-match T20I series will begin at Carrara today.

Live on Sony Networks from 2.10 PM

SRH's Kane Williamson (C) rejoices after running out Glenn Maxwell | SPORTZPICS

Hyderabad eke out narrow win

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A LOT of pride was at stake for Sunrisers Hyderabad when they faced Royal Challengers Bangalore in Abu Dhabi on Wednesday. Things have just not worked for them in this IPL, having won only two of their first 12 games and were the first team to be eliminated. However, it has been a completely different scenario for Virat Kohli and his men, winning matches consistently and helping them qualify for the playoffs with a couple of games to spare.

But Bangalore were not satisfied with that and rightly so as they have played some impressive cricket throughout. They have had their eyes on a top-two finish, which would grant them two cracks to reach the final. But Hyderabad has played spoilsport and dented their chances to a large extent as the 2016 champions won the close encounter by four runs. Having scored 141/7 in the first innings, Hyderabad restricted their opponents to 137/6.

It was Hyderabad's second win in the UAE leg of the competition.

Brief scores: SRH 141/7 in 20 ovs (Roy 44; Patel 3/33, Christian 2/14) beat RCB 137/6 in 20 ovs (Padikkal 41, Maxwell 40).

IPL TODAY

KKR eye play-off berth when they take on RR. A look at the ties...

CSK vs PBKS

Punjab are still mathematically in with a chance to make it to the play-offs, but plenty of stars have to align perfectly for them. Even if it happens, they need to back it with a good performance, which they have seldom done when it matters the most. For Chennai, this match is an opportunity to come back to winning ways as they have suffered two straight losses. A win will ensure they finish in the top two.

Head-to-head: Matches **24** CSK win: **15** PBKS win: **9 Live on** SS1, 3:30 PM

KKR VS RR

After they suffered big defeat at the hands of Mumbai Indians, Rajasthan are all but out of the play-off race. For Kolkata Knight Riders, this match will decide their fate. If they win and avoid a tight finish, they will be through. If not, they will keep the door open for Mumbai Indians to leapfrog them. Playing in Sharjah means, there is every chance this game could go the distance.

Head-to-head: Matches **24** KKR win: **12** RR win: 11 **N/R:** 1 **Live on** SS1, 7:30 PM

Selectors to monitor Hardik fitness before squad call

VENKATA KRISHNA B @Chennai

WITH just three days remaining for the teams to confirm their squads for the T20 World Cup, the Indian selectors and team management are set to seek a fitness report before a final decision is made. Although the form of a few players is a cause of concern, it pales in comparison to the worry surrounding the fitness of Hardik Pandya.

With only three pacers in the squad, should there be no guarantee that Pandya can bowl in all the matches, there are indications that the selectors would look at alternatives.

T20 WORLD CUP

Since the IPL resumed in the UAE, Pandya has not bowled for Mumbai Indians in addition to missing two matches. While his batting could still be an asset, the balance of the XI will be affected if he is not able to bowl, meaning India have to either drop a bowler or batsman to accommodate him. It is a scenario India are keen on avoiding even if Pandya is able to bowl towards the end of the tournament.

It is understood that the support staff has also sought a report from the BCCI medical team and would take a call accordingly.

At the moment, as Mumbai Indians head coach Mahela Jayawardene said, they are monitoring him on a day-to-day basis as there are concerns that should he be rushed into bowling, it could have a long-term impact.

In fact, ever since he underwent a back surgery, Mumbai Indians have been careful with his workload as he played the 2020 edition of the IPL only as a batsman.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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I, **EASHA A VIPIN**, Resident of No. 401, Sree Sapthagiri Enclave, Immadihalli Main Road, Hadadur, Whitefiled, Bangalore - 560 066, have changed my name from **ESHA SIMI VIPIN** to **EASHA A VIPIN** vide affidavit dated 04.10.2021 sworn before A.S. Narayana Reddy, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I **SMITHA A** residing at No.79, 6th Cross, Vijaya Bank Colony, Doddabanaswadi Bangalore-560043. I have changed my name from **T SMITHA to SMITHA A** vide affidavit dated: **01.10.2021** sworn before the notary Udaykumar K.(BA. LLB) of Bangaluru

CHANGE OF NAME

I, KEVIN M MATHEWS S/o MATHEWS MAMMEN, Residing at No B 14, LEGACY ESTILO Apts, Opp BMSIT College, Doddaballapur Main Road, Avalahalli, Yelahanka, Bangalore-560064, have changed my name to **KEVIN MATHEWS MATHEWS** vide Affidavit Dated 21 Sep 21 sworn before Notary H Sridhar Rao, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **PRAHALLAD ACHARYA,** previously called **PRAHALLADHA CHAR,** S/o Bindacharya, Aged about 33 years, Residing at No.212/1-1, 11th Cross, Sarakki Main Road, JP Nagar 1st Phase, Bangalore-560 078. Hereby declare that, I have changed my name from **'PRAHALLADHA CHAR' to "PRAHALLAD ACHARYA"** vide Affidavit dated 5.10.2021, Sworn before Advocate and Notary Public G.Dakshahini, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, AYYAPPA PUDDIPEDDISHARMA PUDDIPEDDI MANIKANTESWARASARMA ALIAS, D.O.B: 22.01.1969, R/at No. Villa No. 2, Aakruthi Sollitaire Villas, Rajanukunte, Bangalore Karnataka-560064, have changed my name to **AYYAPPA SHARMA PUDDIPEDDI** vide affidavit dt: 02.10.2021 before notary S.R.NANJUNDA SWAMY, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) NIRMALA, W/o. P S Sankar Rao, residing at Flat No. 101, 2nd Floor, MHN Paradise, Janapriya Abodes, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore-560098, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) NIRMALA** to **(NEW NAME) NIRMALA P S** vide affidavit Dated 06/10/2021 sworn before Notary Hemalatha.P., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, VIBHA, D/o. Late Ashok Kumar Raghavendra Belle, aged about 22 years, C/o. Prathibha, resident of No. 201, 2nd floor, Everjoy Lotus Apartments, 5th cross, Hanumagiri Nisarga Layout, Kengal Hanumanthaiah Road, Chikkalasandra, Bengaluru-560061, have changed my name to
VIBHA BELLE
vide Affidavit dated 02.10.2021, sworn to before Neha Baddi, Advocate and Notary, Bengaluru.

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I, SHERYL CHRISTINA, D/o. Jayashree Jayaraman, aged about 27 years, R/at No. 148, Chikkathayappa Reddy Layout, Chelekere, Kalyan Nagar, Bangalore - 560043 have changed my name to
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TENDER NOTICE
TENDER NOTICE NO: ETR-252-RE-2418-GR.271-A(Mod)
DATED 02-10-2021

For on behalf of The President of India the Chief Project Director, Railway Electrification, Egmore, Chennai 600 008 invites e tender for the following work. The tenders shall be submitted Online upto 11.00 hours on 29.10.2021 through ireps web site **www.ireps.indianrailways.gov.in**.

The bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offer are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored and summarily rejected.

Name of work: Design, Supply, Erection, Testing &Commissioning of 25 kV, 50 Hz, Single Phase, AC Electrification of OHE Work" in Mandapam (Excl.) – Rameswaram (Incl.) Section, Gr.271-A (Mod) of Madurai Division of Southern Railway, under RE Project Chennai, Total 15 RKM/ 23.5 TKM.

Tender Notice No: ETR-252-RE-2418-Gr.271-A(Mod) Dated 02-10-2021.

Date of Closing of Tender: 29.10.2021 at 11.00 hours.

Estimated Cost of Work: Rs. 6,35,72,353.28.

Detailed Notice involving Tender (NIT) and the tender documents are available in the same website **www.ireps.gov.in** and tendrers are advised to refer the same. Tenderers also advised to quote their rates inclusive of GST. Tenderers are also advised to update the changes from time to time in ireps web site **www.ireps.gov.in**.

Chief Project Director, Railway Electrification, Egmore, Chennai

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For and on behalf of The President of India, The Chief Engineer, Construction, Southern Railway, Egmore, Chennai - 600 008 invites e-tender for the following work(s) as per Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) in our portal **www.ireps.gov.in.** The tenderers / Contractors intending to apply for the tender needs to get enrolled in the portal **www.ireps.gov.in** and only online tenders will be accepted.

Name of the Work: Gauge conversion of Tiruturaipundi - Agastiyampalli Section: Proposed Construction of Over Head Tank 90KL capacity, Compound wall & Approach road, Water Hydrant, Goods shed, Balance work of Goods retaining wall and Goods platform, compound wall and approach road at Agastiyampalli Station yard.

Approximate Cash Value (Rupees): 83866010.79.

Earnest Money Deposit (Rupees): 0.0

Period of Completion in Months: 5 (Five)

Closing Date @ 15.00 hrs: 21/10/2021.

For further details, please refer to web site portal **www.ireps.gov.in** or contact Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, Construction, E.V.R. High Road, Egmore, Chennai - 600 008.

The Chief Administrative Officer (Constructions) Chennai

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BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, AT BENGALURU
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O.A. No.338/2021

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V/s

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Date of Birth 15.04.1972
PAN No. ACZPN2950R ...**Defendants**

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES

Whereas, the applicant has instituted an application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act,1993, against the defendant for recovery of a sum of **Rs.44,03,001.00** (Rupees Forty Four Lakhs Three Thousand and One only) together with current and future interest and for other reliefs.

The above mentioned defendant is therefore hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly authorized agent in support of the defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or **30.11.2021 at 10.30 a.m.** as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

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Director

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Mr. Vidyaranya V. D., authorized signatory of **Golden Gate Properties Limited,** a company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956, having its registered office at Golden House, No.820, 80 Feet Road, Koramangala 8th Block, Bengaluru-560095, do hereby intimate the general public that the below mentioned original deeds/documents pertaining to the converted lands situated at Meenukunte Village and Tarabanahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Hobli, previously Bengaluru North (Additional) Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District, detailed in the below table have been lost/misplaced :

Survey No.	Village	Extent	Missing Documents
Sy. No.84 (Old Sy. No.39/P18)	Meenukunte	7 Guntas	General Power of Attorney dated 23-07-2005, executed by Mr. Muniyappa, son of Mr. Chikka Muniyappa and Mr. Rajappa in favour of Mr. K. Muniraju.
Sy. No.91 (Old Sy. No.39)	Meenukunte	1 Acre 28 Guntas	Sale Deed dated 24-11-2005 (Registered as Document No. 8306/2005-06, Book I, stored in C.D. No. YAND153, at the office of the Sub Registrar, Yelahanka, Bengaluru), executed by Mr. Anjinappa, son of Late Mr. Muneerappa and his family members in favour of Mr. G. Dasharath Rami Reddy, son of Mr. G. Papi Reddy, represented by his Power of Attorney holder Mr. Veeranna, son of Mr. H. D. Shamanna. . General Power of Attorney executed by G. Dasharath Rami Reddy in favour of Mr. Veeranna S/o H D Shamanna.
Sy. No.175 (old Sy. No. 13)	Tarabanahalli	13 Guntas	General Power of Attorney dated 18-03-2005 (Registered as Document No. 527/2004-05, Book IV, stored in C.D. No. YAND120, at the office of the Senior Sub Registrar, Yelahanka, Bengaluru) executed by Mr. Doddanarasimhaiah, son of Late Mr. Kadirappa and his son Mr. Munaiah in favour of Mr. K. Muniraju, son of Mr. K. Kempanna.
Sy.No.177 (old Sy. No. 13)	Tarabanahalli	25 Guntas	General Power of Attorney dated 17-12-2004 (Registered as Document No. 355/2004-05, Book IV, stored in C.D. No. YAND 99, at the office of the Sub Registrar, Yelahanka, Bengaluru) executed by Mrs. Berikamma, wife of Late Mr. Muthyalappa in favour of Mrs. K. K. Sunitha, daughter of Mr. K. Kempaiah.
Sy. No.179 (old Sy. No. 13)	Tarabanahalli	10 Guntas	General Power of Attorney dated 04-04-2005 (Registered as Document No. 11/2005-06, Book IV, stored in C.D. No. YAND125, at the office of the Sub Registrar, Yelahanka, Bengaluru) executed by Mr. Chikkamuniyappa, son of Late Mr. Seetappa and his son Mr. Anjinappa in favour of Mr. K.Muniraju, son of Mr. K. Kempanna.
Sy. No.188 (old Sy. No. 13/P36)	Tarabanahalli	22 Guntas	Confirmation Deed 30-01-2008, (Registered as Document No.JAL-1-02601/2007-08, CD No.JALD16, at the office of the Sub Registrar, Jala, Bengaluru) executed by Mr. Anjinappa, in favour of Mr. M. Manjunath.

If any person/s are in possession of the aforesaid original Deeds, she/he/they shall return the same to the undersigned.

Sd/-
Mr. Vidyaranya V D
Golden Gate Properties Ltd.

Bengaluru
Date : 06-10-2021

Work on catalysts nets chem Nobel

Technique lets reactions happen faster, with fewer steps — resulting in energy efficiency

MEDICINE

STOCKHOLM: Germany's Benjamin List and US-based David MacMillan on Wednesday won the Nobel Chemistry Prize for developing a tool to build molecules which has helped make chemistry more environmentally friendly.

Their tool, which they developed independently of each other in 2000, can be used to control and accelerate chemical reactions, exerting a big impact on drugs research.

Prior to their work, scientists believed there were only two types of catalysts -- metals and enzymes.

The new technique, which relies on small organic molecules and which is called "asymmetric organocatalysis" is widely used in pharma, allowing drug makers to streamline the production of medicines for depression and respiratory infections, among others.

Organocatalysts allow several steps in a production process to be performed in an unbroken sequence, considerably reducing waste in chemical manufacturing, the Nobel committee at the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said.

List and MacMillan, both 53, will share the 10-million-kronor ($1.1-million, one-million-euro) prize.

"I thought somebody was making a joke. I was sitting at breakfast with my wife," List told reporters by telephone during a press conference after the prize was announced.

In past years, he said his wife has joked that he should keep an eye on his phone for a call from Sweden.

"But today we didn't even make the joke," List, who is a director at the Max Planck Institute in Germany, said.

A molecule model named *Proline* that was developed by Benjamin List, Richard Lerner and Carlos Barbas II, | AFP

"It's hard to describe what you feel in that moment, but it was a very special moment that I will never forget."

Doing the impossible

Asked about what the prize would mean for his future as a researcher, List promised he had "a few more plans."

"I always like to go to the extremes. 'Can we do things that were just impossible before?' List told reporters. "I hope I live up to this to this recognition and continue discovering amazing things."

MacMillan, born in Scotland but a professor at Princeton University in the US, also thought he was the target of a prank, saying he originally went back to sleep when he started receiving texts from Sweden early Wednesday.

"I am shocked, and stunned and overjoyed," MacMillan said in a statement from Princeton University.

"Organocatalysis was a pretty simple idea that really sparked a lot of different research," the professor added. "The part we're just so proud of is that you don't have to have huge amounts of equipment and huge amounts of money to do fine things in chemistry."

EXFILE TECHNOLOGY

Countries race to build hypersonic missiles

North Korea's recent test of a hypersonic missile last week sparked new concerns about the race to acquire the alarming technology that is hard to defend against and could unsettle the global nuclear balance. Russia, which said on Monday it had test-launched a hypersonic missile from a submerged submarine for the first time, leads the race, followed by China and the United States, and at least five other countries are working on the technology. Why do countries want hypersonics?

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TWO TYPES OF HYPERSONIC WEAPONS
HYPERSONIC GLIDE VEHICLES: They are launched from a rocket before gliding to a target
HYPERSONIC CRUISE MISSILES: Powered by high-speed, air-breathing engines, or "scramjets", after acquiring their target
ARMS RACE
Experts say hypersonic missiles may not be a game changer, but countries are in an arms race mostly to show that any weapon that anyone else can develop, they will have first
BALLISTIC MISSILE TRAJECTORY
LOW FLIER
Ballistic missiles fly high into space in an arc to reach their target, while a hypersonic missile flies on a trajectory low in the atmosphere, potentially reaching a target more quickly
TOUGH TO SPOT
Crucially, a hypersonic missile is maneuverable (like the much slower, often subsonic cruise missile), making it harder to track and defend against
15 MINS
Long-range cruise or ballistic missiles can be detected 15-60 mins before impact. Hypersonic missiles may cut that time frame to just a few minutes
US
The US Defense Department has an aggressive development programme, planning up to
40 TESTS
over the next five years
RUSSIA
Russia is the most advanced. Moscow announced Monday that it had fired two Zircon hypersonic missiles from a nuclear submarine
CHINA
China is also aggressively developing the technology, seeing it as crucial to defend against US gains in hypersonic and other technologies. Both China and Russia have "likely fielded an operational capability" with hypersonic glide vehicles, the CRS report said
N KOREA*
North Korea's test announcement suggested the country had much further to go, and that the test focused on "maneuverability" and "flight characteristics"
*International Space Station
Detected by radar
Limit of ground-based radar detection at target
Ballistic missile trajectory
400 km
100 km
ISS*
Hypersonic glider trajectory
Detected by radar
Launch site
Target
EARTH
THE WARHEAD PROBLEM
A central risk is not knowing whether an adversary's hypersonic missile has a conventional or nuclear warhead. And, underscoring the attractiveness of hypersonics, the CRS says that the US missile defense system is inadequate to detect and respond in time to them
World's hypersonic weapons programmes
RUSSIA, CHINA, THE UNITED STATES
Countries with the most advanced hypersonic weapons programmes
AUSTRALIA, INDIA, FRANCE, GERMANY, NORTH KOREA AND JAPAN
Countries also developing such programmes
IRAN, ISRAEL, AND SOUTH KOREA
Countries that conducted foundational research

*Militaries of the US and South Korea say the test demonstrates that the programme is at an initial phase of development

Source: US Congressional Research Service (CRS), Aug 25, 2021

5 TIMES Hypersonic missiles, like traditional ballistic missiles which can deliver nuclear weapons, can fly more than five times the speed of sound

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INDIA'S PROGRESS

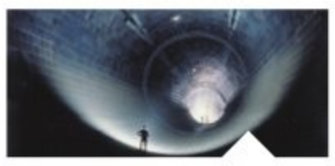
India has developed the BrahMos II, a Mach 7 hypersonic cruise missile, in collaboration with Russia. (Mach is the multiplication factor to the speed of sound)

2017

BrahMos II was supposed to be fielded by 2017, but news reports say operational capability may be achieved only between 2025 & 2028

India is also developing an indigenous, dual-capable hypersonic cruise missile as part of its Hypersonic Technology Demonstrator Vehicle program and successfully tested a Mach 6 scramjet in June 2019 and September 2020

US Congressional Research Service



12 hypersonic wind tunnels India operates. These tunnels allow the simulation of speeds Mach 5+ in a pressure vacuum driven facility. Essentially, the tunnel tests flight characteristics

MACH 13

India is capable of testing speeds up to Mach 13

Are hypersonics nuclear game-changers?

Experts say hypersonics do not necessarily upend the global nuclear balance, but instead add a potent new delivery method to the traditional triad of bombers, ground-launched ICBMs, and submarine-launched ballistic missiles

'Not out of the woods in coronavirus fight'

HEALTH

THE World Health Organization's Covid-19 chief warned on Tuesday that "we're not out of the woods" in the fight against the pandemic, even if many people thought it was nearly over.

Maria Van Kerkhove, the technical lead for WHO's Covid-19, said, "The situation is still incredibly dynamic. And it's dynamic because we don't have control over this virus".

"We're not out of the woods. We're very much in the middle of this pandemic. But where in the middle... we're not quite sure yet, because frankly we're not using the tools we have right now to get us closer to the end."

She added: "What I really struggle with is in some cities we see ICUs (intensive care units) and hospitals full and people dying -- yet on the streets people are acting like it's completely over.

SKYLIGHT ICU

Medical staff attend to COVID-19 patients in a mobile ICU unit outside a hospital in Bucharest, Romania, on Wednesday. The country has reported for the second day in a row it has exactly zero ICU beds available as its Covid-19 crisis worsens | AP

W.H.O APPROVES 1ST MALARIA VAX

MEDICINE

GENEVA: The World Health Organization on Wednesday endorsed the RTS,S/AS01 malaria vaccine, the first against the mosquito-borne disease that kills more than 400,000 people a year, mostly African children.

The decision followed a review of a pilot programme deployed since 2019 in Ghana, Kenya and Malawi where more than two million doses were given of the vaccine, first made by the pharmaceutical company GSK in 1987.

After reviewing evidence from those countries, WHO said it was "recommending the broad use of the world's first malaria vaccine", the agency's director general Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said.

The WHO said in a statement it was recommending the widespread application of the vaccine among children in sub-Saharan Africa and in other regions with moderate to high malaria transmission.

Many vaccines exists against viruses and bacteria but this was the first time that the WHO recommended for broad use a vaccine against a human parasite.

"From a scientific perspective this is a massive breakthrough," said Pedro Alonso, Director of the WHO Global Malaria Programme.

The vaccine acts against plasmodium falciparum -- one of five parasite species and the most deadly.

Malaria symptoms include fever, headaches and muscle pain, then cycles of chills, fever and sweating.

Every two minutes, a child dies of malaria, according to the World Health Organization.

Before the newly recommended vaccine can reach African children, the next step will be funding.

"That will be the next major step... Then we will be set up for scaling of doses and decisions about where the vaccine will be most useful and how it will be deployed," said Kate O'Brien, Director of WHO's Department of Immunization, Vaccines and Biologicals

FACT OF THE MATTER

Patrol robots spark concerns

TECHNOLOGY

Singapore has trialled patrol robots that blast warnings at people engaging in "undesirable social behaviour", adding to an arsenal of surveillance technology in the tightly controlled city-state that is fuelling privacy concerns. The robots on wheels have seven cameras, that issue warnings to the public and detect "undesirable social behaviour". This includes smoking in prohibited areas, improperly parking bicycles, and breaching coronavirus social-distancing rules. During a recent patrol, one of the "Xavier" robots wove its way through a housing estate and stopped in front of a group of elderly residents watching a chess match. "Please keep one-metre distancing, please keep to five persons per group," a robotic voice blared out.

New Covid-19 drug by Astra

MEDICINE

AstraZeneca, the drugmaker that developed one of the first COVID-19 vaccines, has asked the US Food and Drug Administration to authorize the emergency use of a first-of-a-kind antibody treatment to prevent the disease. The Anglo-Swedish company said that the treatment, known as AZD7442, would be the first long-acting antibody combination to receive an emergency authorization for COVID-19 prevention. If authorized, the drug would likely be limited to people with compromised immune systems who don't get sufficient protection from vaccination. The company's long-acting formulation is designed to boost immunity for up to one year, compared with existing drugs that offer a month or two of protection.

DRESS UP YOUR AVATAR

Next digital fashion trend is buying clothes that don't exist

TECHNOLOGY

PARIS: The online metaverse is coming and if we're going to be spending more time in virtual worlds, there's one crucial question: What are you going to wear?

"When I first started talking about this, my friends were like, 'What are you talking about?'" said 27-year-old Daniella Loftus.

"But my 14-year-old cousins understood it immediately."

For many, the idea of buying clothes that don't exist is a conceptual leap too far.

But emerging digital fashion stores are tapping into a growing market -- not actual clothes but digitally generated outfits that stores simply photoshop onto a customer's photos or videos to be posted onto Instagram and elsewhere.

Soon they are likely to become a way to dress your avatar when interacting in online games and meeting places, all potentially while reclining in sweat pants in your own home.

British influencer Loftus sees so much potential that last month she gave up her job with a fashion consultancy to devote herself full-time to her website, This Outfit Does Not Exist.

Her Instagram shows the potential of virtual clothing that doesn't need to obey the laws of physics -- from a shimmering silver liquid pant suit with tentacles, to a wobbling pink creation with lasers firing out of her bustier. "Digital is coming to overtake physical. Kids are asking each other: 'What skin did you have in this game yesterday?'" said Loftus.

British influencer Daniella Loftus | AFP

Outfits on digital fashion store DressX range from $25 hats to strange jellyfish-like dresses for hundreds of dollars.

"Every brand in the future will be on board with digital fashion," said DressX co-founder Daria Shapovalova.

Its own research says 15 percent of customers are doing so for Instagram posts, and almost a quarter found it satisfied their need for a new item of clothing.

Isabelle Boemeke, a Brazilian model and influencer, is already an avid buyer of digital outfits.

"You don't necessarily need physicality to experience the thrill of wearing an extraordinary garment," said Michaela Larosse, of The Fabricant, which sold the first ever digital-only dress in May 2019 for $9,500.

"We will all have a digital self, we'll have an avatar and you'll be able to communicate something about yourself, who you are, what you're interested in, through the iteration of your avatar."

Outage a maintenance error: FB

TECHNOLOGY

The global outage that knocked Facebook and its other platforms offline for hours was caused by an error during routine maintenance, the company said. Santosh Janardhan, Facebook's vice president of infrastructure, said in a blog post that Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp going dark was "caused not by malicious activity, but an error of our own making." The problem occurred as engineers were carrying out day to day work on Facebook's global backbone network; the computers, routers and software in its data centers around the world along with the fiber-optic cables connecting them. "During one of these routine maintenance jobs, a command was issued with the intention to assess the availability of global backbone capacity, which unintentionally took down all the connections in our backbone network, effectively disconnecting Facebook data centers globally," Janardhan said Tuesday.

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DAY'S DIARY

Space Breakthrough

2008 TC3, the first asteroid for which impact was detected prior to its entry into earth's atmosphere, impacted the Earth over Sudan in 2008

INTIAL OBSERVATIONS

On October 6, astronomers at the University of Arizona — followed by 3 other observatories — discovered an object that appeared to be on a collision course with earth

ACCURATE PREDICTIONS

With the information of the four observers, the astronomers were able to predict the impact location and time, for the first time

SNOWBALL EFFECT

This prediction underscored the successful evolution of the Near-Earth Object (NEO) Program's discovery and orbit prediction process

Kotigobba 3 to have 1,000 shows across state

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NO STRINGS ATTACHED

This B'luru-based Carnatic artiste will be the first woman from India to perform at the Parliament of World Religions

SANATH PRASAD

WHAT is the connection between the *Guru Granth Sahib* and Dasara padagalu? What are the similarities between the sacred music of Hinduism-Judaism, Sikhism-Hinduism, and Christianity-Buddhism? **Dr Deepti Navaratna**, a Bengaluru-based Carnatic artiste, will decode all of this in her musical concert titled, The Dialogues with the Divine, which she will perform, virtually, at the Parliament of World's Religions, on October 18. Interestingly, Navarathna, who is also the regional director of Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, is the first Indian woman to represent the nation at the Parliament of World's Religions, the world's premier interfaith convening organisation.

In 2016, Navaratna was part of a musical project called The Dialogues with the Divine held at Interfaith Congregation in the United States of America, where she weaved an experience which amalgamates sacred music from various faiths. Once again, she hopes to recreate the same experience at this prestigious forum. "I was working on a music project called *Carnatic meets Hebrew,* which grabbed the attention of one of the committee members of the Parliament of World Religions, and eventually ended up as an opportunity for me to script a milestone," says Navaratna, adding, "I am trying to re-purpose the role of religious music in the contemporary scenario. This project has a multicultural educational aspect to it. It is important to have an understanding and value the beliefs of others. This music makes you realise and infer the teachings of different faiths."

In this concert at the Parliament of World Religions, Navaratna will be accompanied by Shadrach Solomon on keys and Arun Siva on percussion. The concert will begin with an invocation amalgamating chants: Ishavasyam Idam from Ishopanishad, the Navkar mantra of the Jains and Namyo ho renge kyo – the Lotus Sutra of Buddhists. This is folllowed by a Judaic piyut paired with a Carnatic kriti called 'piyut and prarthana'.

Performing at the Parliament of World's Religions is my life's calling. I always wanted to be a cultural ambassador

– **Dr Deepti Navaratna, Carnatic artiste**

"I met a Jewish Cantor and some preachers who were reading liturgical texts while I was in Boston. During my research, I found that the *Guru Granth Sahib* consists of bhakti songs of all faiths. It also includes *Dasara padagalu*, baul songs, *chandi purana*. This is how I came across some of the common denominators existing in all faiths. It took two years of research only to build parallel thoughts on inter-faith texts for my music," says Navaratna, adding, "This is one of my life's calling. It aligns with my beliefs and I always wanted to be a cultural ambassador, promoting my music as a positive and transformative agent to the world."

This festive season, Bengaluru stores are witnessing a sharp increase in demand for hand-painted dolls, artefacts and other gifting options; however, unsure of sales, several artisans have made creations in small numbers

A DOLL'S STORY

ANILA KURIAN

AFTER a quiet 2020 owing to the raging pandemic, Bengalureans are yearning for a colourful festive season. Dolls, often stacked away until Dasara, are being pulled out to put together numerous creations for the *gombe mane*. As new artefacts and dolls make their way to homes, this is good news for artisans who struggled to make ends meet in the last two years of the pandemic. While online sales are brisk, some customers are stepping into stores to purchase the artefacts.

Tamaala Art Merchandise in JP Nagar is glad to have customers browsing through their collection after a long hiatus. Co-founder Survarna Kamakshi says that it's mostly youngsters who are purchasing dolls and other accessories this year. "High school and college students are showing plenty of interest in reviving the tradition. They either come alone or bring family; they are the ones who are deciding how the whole arrangement at home should be," she explains.

The store has artefacts in clay or wood from districts in Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Kolkata. "The challenge for us is actually sourcing the artefacts as many artisans have given up making them, doubtful about the sales. Though there's a demand, the supply is limited," Kamakshi adds, while explaining there's been a 50 per cent increase in Dasara sales since last year.

"While we saw a dip in purchase of return gifts last year, this year they are popular. Most of our customers are opting for oil lamps, purses or pouches," she says.

A visitor at Tamaala Art Merchandise. (Bottom left); Doll at Varnam Craft Collective

Tanjore paintings, Indian handicrafts, silver jewellery, and brass sculptures are selling out fast at Tarang Arts in Jayanagar 4th Block. "It's mostly our regular customers who are coming in; they have been really keen to help during these tiring times," says Srikanth, the store manager.

Missing the hustle and bustle of international sales of traditional dolls is Varnam Craft Collective in Indiranagar. Owner Karthik Vaidyanathan points out that the sales are completely domestic this year.

"Because of the pandemic, we made tonnes of sales online last year, especially from NRIs. Most of them ordered well in advance so that they could get it delivered on time. This year, there's been no sale in that section — it's mostly localites who are purchasing items," he says.

With the agenda of reviving the tradition of toymaking, Varnam Craft Collective has been working with Channapatna toymakers. But they are treading cautiously, unsure of the sales. "We only added one new doll to the collection this time. The hand-painted dolls, which reflect the village life, takes time to make and is expensive," Vaidyanathan says, adding that their customers opt for a Dunzo delivery. "With travel curbs on, we don't see foreigners dropping in either. And locals just call to confirm their order and purchase it through delivery apps," he says.

KNOW YOUR CITY

Arun Prasad, city-based history researcher, unravels interesting facts about Bengaluru in this weekly quiz series. So it's time for you to find out how familiar you are with the city, beyond its heritage buildings, IT parks and the pub culture.

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FIRST THREE TO GET IT RIGHT

1. Tushar 2. Deepika 3. Joseph K

Festive glow

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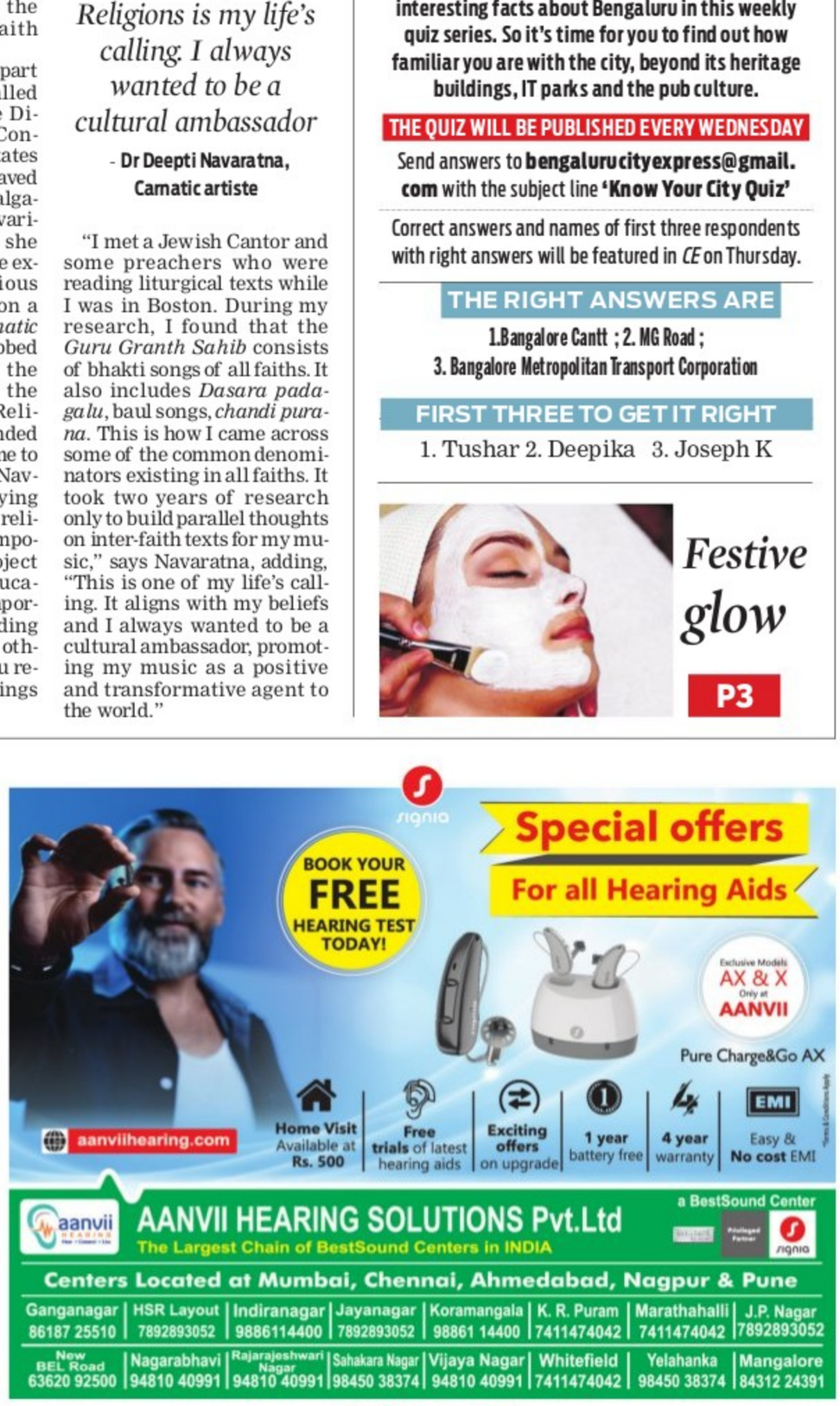
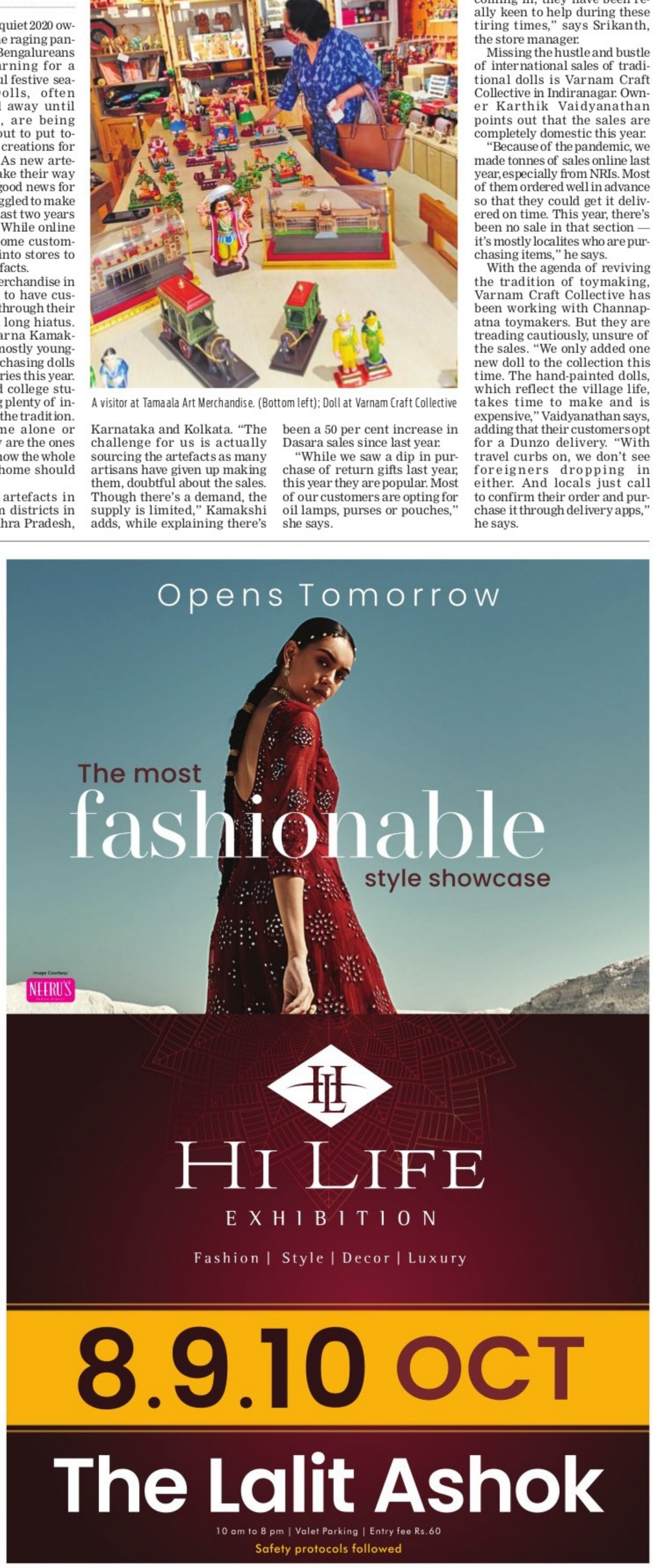
CITY READ

Cake mixing tradition hosted at city hotel

A cake mixing ceremony was hosted at Conrad Bengaluru recently to commence the 2021 festive season. The event celebrates the onset of the Christmas season by mixing various fruits and nuts with spices and liquor to form a mixture used to make Christmas cakes and treats. Once the mixture matures for 45 days, the hotel will offer an array of Christmas foods like plum pudding, plum cake, fruitcake, Dundee cake, mince pie, among others. Guests can also customise their own Christmas hampers.





TAKE THE CAKE

Comedian and YouTuber, Aman Deep, will be performing at multiple venues. His stand-up show 'Cake Kahan Hai?' will also be broadcast live on Insider.
When: Oct 7
Details: insider.in

THE NAME'S BOND

Ruskin Bond will be teaching a writing class starting from this weekend. In collaboration with Unlu, his class is designed to give you the right guidance to become a good writer.
When: Oct 9
Details: bookmyshow.com

MIX AND MATCH

Panchali Chakraborty will be hosting an online workshop where the artist will be combining the concepts of traditional Indian art styles with western art styles. It will teach the attendees how to paint in the style of Jamini Roy.
When: Oct 7 **Details:** insider.in

VISUALISING HIP-HOP

Sachin Bhatt, a Bengaluru-based artist, will be hosting a School of Shuffle workshop. Titled 'Visualising Hip-Hop: Drawing from Sub-Cultures Workshop', the workshop will be about turning the concept of hip-hop into a visual masterpiece.
When: Oct 9
Details: insider.in

K-OS GAME BAR WILL BE OFFERING SPECIAL IPL OFFERS ALONGSIDE INDIA'S FIRST SOCIAL DARTS. **WHEN:** ONGOING **RESERVATIONS:** 9972104540

DIGITAL RUN

Omega Events is hosting a virtual marathon. The Hope 5km run will require contestants to register and time their 5km runs. The run is hosted in order to promote fitness.
When: Oct 10
Details: townscript.com

MEENAKARI MELA

The Circle Community will be holding an online Meenakari Peacock Workshop this weekend. Join in and learn the art of painting and colouring metals and ceramic tiles through enameling.
When: Oct 8
Details: bookmyshow.com

NOVEL DANCERS

The Other Place, a dance theatre production, will take place at the Flux School of Arts, Indiranagar. The production is directed by Sahiba Singh and will be performed by students of X Sense, the Flux's flagship movement theatre course. **When:** Oct 9 **Details:** bookmyshow.com

PROGRESSIVE HOUSE MUSIC

Miami-based DJ and producer Stan Kolev will be performing at Raahi Neo Kitchen and Bar. A meeting point for all things progressive house, 'A Day Trip' will also feature other talents. **When:** Oct 10
Details: insider.in

VIRTUAL WAY

Jim Beam Originals will be doing a series of virtual music concerts this month. Raghav Meattle will be performing the first in the coming weekend, doing his own take on George Ezra's work.
When: Oct 9 onwards
Details: insider.in

LIVE COMEDY

Punit Pania will be performing three solo stand-up shows over the weekend at the Sly Granny. Join in and watch 3 hours of live comedy with his shows 'Gainfully Employed', 'Notes from the Bunker', and 'No Country for Moderation'.
When: Oct 8 - 10
Details: bookmyshow.com

QUICK FIX

What's cooking

IN YOUR KITCHEN?
We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com

GUAC AND CHIPS

INGREDIENTS

- **Avocado:** 2 ■ **Onion:** 1, medium ■ **Tomato:** 1
- Half a **lemon** ■ **Coriander:** a handful
- **Chilli powder:** 1 tsp ■ **Salt** ■ **Nachos**
- **Cheese sauce** ■ **Spring onions**

METHOD

- Mash all the ingredients together and top it with coriander.
- Arrange some nachos on a plate.
- Top it with some double cheddar cheese sauce and add spring onions. Put it in a pre-heated oven for 30 seconds.

— Mahathi Reddy, Hyderabad

SOUNDBOARD

SOUNDCASTE

Tune in for in-depth conversations with the most creative minds in the music industry. Every week, you get a glimpse into a musician's discipline and creative process as host Eva Bhatt talks to them while exploring their personas.
- On Spotify

SHORT HISTORY OF...

This new show from award-winning podcasters, Noiser, will transport you back in time to witness history's most incredible moments and remarkable people.
- On Apple Podcasts

BHASKAR BOSE

Introducing the newest detective town — Bhaskar Bose, an accountant by profession, but detective by passion. From missing bodies from graveyards to murders on a film set, Bhaskar Bose and his police sidekick Bikesh solve each case in their inimitable style.
- On Spotify

BUSINESS WARS

This gives you the unauthorised, real story of what drives brands and their leaders, inventors, investors and executives to new heights — or to ruin. The podcast is hosted by David Brown.
- On Amazon Music

THE DAILY MASTERY

Receive the mental models, daily routines and productivity tactics that Robin Sharma has taught to the titans of industry, sports superstars, and elite performers. Learn how to live a truly world-class life while you accelerate your productivity, grow your leadership, build your business, and scale your impact on the world.
- On Google Podcasts

POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

GANAPA

When Tyru saves underworld don Jayanna's life, he gets rechristened as Ganapa and becomes an important part of his gang. Problems arise when he and the gangster's son fall for the same girl.
- Cast: Priyanka Thimmesh, Petrol Prasanna, Tarun Kumar, Santhosh

MUSSANJEMAATU

Pradip, a radio jockey of a popular programme 'Mussange Mathu' falls in love with Tanu, his fan. While she is about to get married to someone, he struggles with expressing his feelings for her.
- Cast: Sudeep, Ramya, Anu Prabhakar, Sumithra

PREMALOKA

A young boy is in love with his classmate, who turns down his proposal. To impress her, he poses as a mysterious biker to make her fall in love with him.
- Cast: V. Ravichandran, Juhi Chawla, Kavitha Ranjini, Leelavathi

DRISHYA

Rajendra is a family-oriented man and tries to keep them happy. However, when his family commits an accidental crime, he does everything to keep them out of harm's way.
- Cast: V. Ravichandran, Navya Nair, Asha Sharath, Prabhu

Scan this QR code to find out how your favourite celebs are coping with the lockdown.

WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 LIFE-ALTERING QUESTIONS ABOUT THE END OF THE UNIVERSE BY KATIE MACK

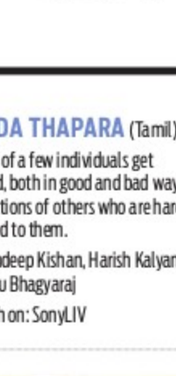
Cosmologist and TED Fellow Katie Mack delves into everything from the Big Bang theory to what we see at the edge of the observable universe to a few ways the cosmos might end. Stay tuned to hear Mack recite an original poem on the wonder and marvel of existence.

2 THE BIG MYTH OF GOVERNMENT DEFICITS BY STEPHANIE KELTON

Government deficits have gotten a bad rap, says economist Stephanie Kelton. In this groundbreaking talk, she makes the case to stop looking at government spending as a path towards frightening piles of debt, but rather as a financial contribution to the things that matter — like health care, education, infrastructure and beyond.

3 A SCI-FI VISION OF LIFE IN 2041 BY CHEN QIUFAN

Sci-fi writer Chen Qiufan doesn't fear a dystopian future. Instead, he believes developments in Artificial Intelligence will make all of our lives better, healthier and safer. He takes us on a tour of the next 20 years of AI and shares some astonishing predictions for the advancements in science and technology that could await us.



4 HOW TO STOP LANGUISHING AND START FINDING FLOW BY ADAM GRANT

Have you found yourself staying up late, joylessly bingeing TV shows and doomscrolling through the news, or simply navigating your day uninspired and aimless? Chances are you're languishing, says organisational psychologist Adam Grant.

5 A NEW WAY TO RESTORE THE EARTH'S BIODIVERSITY — FROM THE AIR BY SUSAN GRAHAM

Check out how environmentalist Susan Graham's team combines drone technology with ecology-trained AI to restore degraded land and revive complex, biodiverse ecosystems — whether it's on a small island or across an entire continent.

FIT BIT

SAYANASANA

(ELBOW STAND OR REPOSE POSE)

In Sanskrit, 'sayana' means repose and 'asana' means pose. This asana requires the yogi to be comfortable with inversions and shifting their balance from one of stability with both forearms on the floor to one of precise balance with only the elbows supporting the body. The name of this asana refers to the way a yogi should hold this posture, which is in a relaxed state and appearing as though resting with the hands cupping the chin. Spiritually, it activates the Manipura (solar plexus) chakra, which governs vitality, balance and strength. This chakra is associated with self-esteem, willpower and spiritual ascent. Practicing this asana also arouses kundalini.

STEPS

- Start by laying on the floor on all fours. Align your knees with your hips, while your forearms are on the mat.
- Make sure your wrists are under your shoulders, and bring your palms together. Take a deep breath and curl your toes. Exhale, lift your knees up.
- At first, focus on stretching the tailbone.
- Next, straighten your legs and form an inverted V that falls to the floor.
- Engage your shoulder blades by bringing them towards your lower back.
- Keep your head between your biceps. Straighten your knees if you can, but do not let your upper back bulge.
- Stretch your tailbone away from your abdomen, and lift the top of your chest bone away from the ground.
- Hold the pose for 30 and 60 seconds.

BENEFITS

- Strengthens shoulders, arms and wrists.
- Helps increase blood flow to the brain.
- Eases symptoms of varicose vein.
- Regular practice of this asana stretches the spine and back muscles.
- Gives more energy to the body and mind.
- Helps develop balance and confidence.
- Provides an additional challenge for detoxifying the body.
- Tones abdominal muscles and strengthens the abdominal organs of spleen, gallbladder, liver and kidney.
- Helps get rid of tumours and fevers.
- Manages the blood circulation.
- Improves concentration, boosts immunity.

LIMITATIONS

- It is not recommended for people who have medical conditions like hypertension, cardiac and hernias.
- Women in the pre-menopausal phase or even during menopause must avoid this.
- Those suffering from lower backache, high BP or shoulder injury should avoid this.

— by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

ROBERRT (Kannada)

Raghava, the head cook, leads a peaceful life with his son Arjun. However, their bliss is short-lived as Raghava's past comes back to haunt him.
- Cast: Darshan Thoogudeepa, Asha Bhat, Vinod Prabhakar, Sonal Monteiro
- Available on: Amazon Prime Video

PARAMAPADHAM VILAYATTU (Tamil)

When a politician mysteriously dies in her care, Dr Gayathri decides to investigate. However, when she learns of the conspiracy behind his death, she must decide whether to speak up or not.
Cast: Trisha, Vijay Varmaa, Nandha Durairaj,
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

RAVENING (Assamese)

A lonely, married woman bonds with a younger man over their shared love of unusual foods. As their excursions become more adventurous, their relationship begins to take a dark turn.
Cast: Lima Das, Arghadeep, BaruahNeetali Das
- Watch on: SonyLIV

YUVARATHNAA (Kannada)

Due to the privatisation of the education sector, RK College is on the verge of closing. However, the principal and a student join hands to prevent it from happening.
- Cast: Sayyeshaa, Puneeth Rajkumar, Sonu, Dhananjay
- Available on: Amazon Prime Video

SUNDARI (Telugu)

A village girl is married to a software employee, but life takes a turn when her husband loses his job and she is forced to take a few steps that leads her to an emotional turmoil.
Cast: Poorna, Arjun Ambati, Sri Sudha Bhimireddy
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

KASADA THAPARA (Tamil)

The lives of a few individuals get impacted, both in good and bad ways, by the actions of others who are hardly connected to them.
Cast: Sundeep Kishan, Harish Kalyan, Shanthnu Bhagyaraj
- Watch on: SonyLIV

MISS INDIA (Telugu)

After moving to the USA, an aspiring Indian entrepreneur is forced to deal with sexism, criticism and rivalry as she attempts to start her tea business.
Cast: Keerthy Suresh, Jagapathi Babu, Rajendra Prasad
- Watch on: Netflix

ENGLISH

BINGO HELL

In the barrio of Oak Springs, live a strong and stubborn group of elderly friends who refuse to be gentrified. Their leader, Lupita, keeps them together as a community and family. However, their beloved bingo hall is about to be sold to a much more powerful force than money itself.
Cast: Adriana Barraza, L Scott Caldwell, Richard Brake
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

MAID (Series)

Single mother Alex turns to housecleaning to make ends meet as she escapes an abusive relationship and overcomes homelessness to create a better life for her daughter, Maddy.
Cast: Margaret Qualley, Nick Robinson, Anika Noni Rose
- Watch on: Netflix

LOKI (Series)

Loki, the God of Mischief, steps out of his brother's shadow to embark on an adventure that takes place after the events of 'Avengers: Endgame'.
Cast: Tom Hiddleston, Gugu Mbatha-Raw, Wunmi Mosaku, Eugene Cordero
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

SUPERSTORE (Series)

A group of employees working at Cloud 9, a big-box store in St Louis, Missouri, faces several challenges while dealing with customers and at the same time attending to their personal requirements.
Cast: Ben Feldman, Lauren Ash, Colton Dunn
- Watch on: Netflix

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FESTIVE GLOW

With the holiday season here, all of us want to deck up and look our best. But in order to bring out the natural glow, we have to take care of the skin first

DR CHYTRA V ANAND

WITH the onset of Dasara, the much-awaited festive season is all set to begin. This is the time we love getting decked up. In order to bring out the natural glow, we have to take care of the skin. So, it becomes important that we keep our skin well-hydrated and agile. But, our exposure to pollution, harsh chemicals and blue light are making our skin look dull and tired. Here are a few skin treatments and some DIY skin regimes to revive the glow of your skin:

Laser toning

If you want to stimulate the skin's natural production of new skin cells and collagen, then laser toning is the apt treatment for you. It's an all-in-one procedure because it reduces the dark spot, fine lines and hyperpigmentation. In this procedure, the outer layer of the damaged skin is removed through the usage of strong wavelength of light, thereby improving the collagen production and skin cells. The new skin that resurfaces after the procedure is tight and smooth. Your skincare specialist can guide you to understand how many procedures you will need to attain the best outcome.

Skin bio remodeling

Profhilo is a new hyaluronic acid-based procedure which offers a new approach of skin bio-remodeling for anti-ageing benefits. In this procedure, a highly pure form of hyaluronic acid is administered into different strategic points of the skin to unleash rejuvenation of the skin's ability to generate collagen and elastin — the two scaffolding proteins critical to skin's firmness and elasticity. A lunch time procedure, profhilo results in a more youthful, firm and radiant skin.

ClearLift skin laser treatment

Considered as one of the most advanced skin rejuvenating laser treatments, ClearLift refreshes the skin and smoothens out fine lines. This procedure is equally effective in highly-sensitive areas of skin such as the crowfeet around the eyes, neck and décolleté, which are typically prone to pain and scarring with this type of laser treatment. ClearLift treatments are brief, typically around 20 minutes and require no skin numbing prior to treatment. There is no down time, just an immediate glow. Apart from the treatments, below mentioned pointers can also help to achieve glowing skin from within.

Moisturising after facewash

Moisturise your skin with products that lock in moisture, promote healing, and have antioxidant properties to encourage a glowing look. Don't exfoliate your skin when it feels dry, and don't skip moisturiser just because your face feels oily. Apply moisturiser to your skin when it's still wet from a shower or from rinsing your face. This will lock in extra moisture rather than working on a surface level to make your face feel smooth. Ceramide and Sodium Hyaluronate are ideal molecules to look for Indian skin.

Always apply sunscreen

Apply a sunscreen daily, minimum SPF 40 with a PA ++++ rating daily to protect your skin. If your sunscreen has built in Vitamin C even better. Apply at least 20 minutes before stepping out.

Stay hydrated

This is one of the most neglected aspects of our skincare regime. But, staying hydrated is the most important criteria for healthy and glowing skin. Drink at least eight glasses of water regularly to flush out the toxins from your body. Don't forget that your skin is a reflection of your inner health.

(The writer is founder of Kosmoderma Clinics, Bengaluru)

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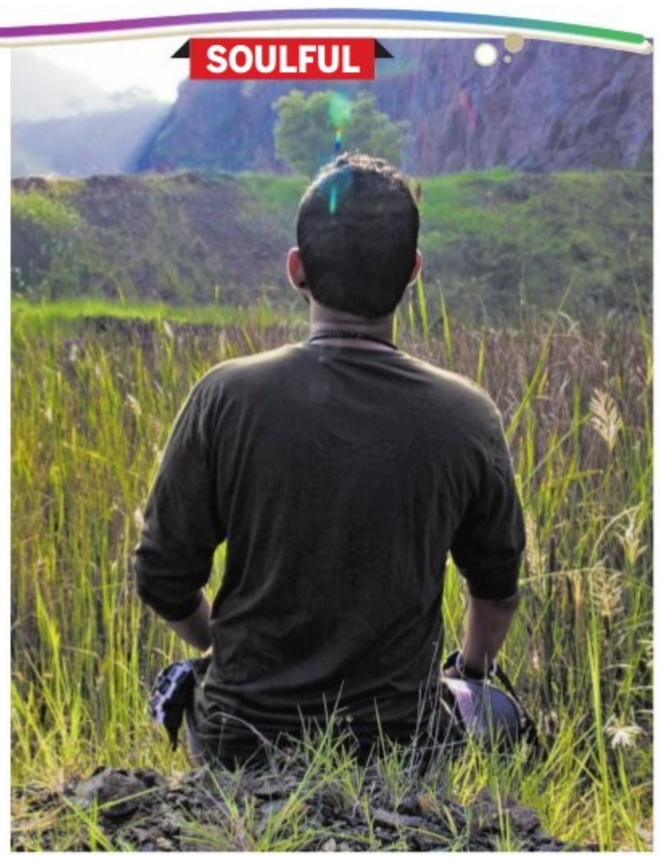

PAIN AND PROBLEMS

I suppose one must talk. There are not only personal problems. The world in which we live is becoming more and more dangerous for all living things. And it seems to me that very few of us are able to meet the challenge completely and totally, and here we are going, if we can, in detail into the many problems. These problems are not separate, they are interrelated; if one wishes to solve one's own personal problems apart from the problem of existence as a whole, I am afraid we shall not be able to find the correct answer.

So we must, if we may, consider the whole structure of our society and civilisation in which we live. We are not only concerned with the economic, social problems, political, as well as all the problems that we have to face every day: livelihood, the enormous amount of suffering that's going on in the world, the deterioration of human morality, his behaviour, the problems of fear, pleasure and the very complex problem of not only individual suffering, but the suffering of humanity.

And then there is the problem of death, love and if there is any truth or all the realities we have to face are so enormous that we have neither the time, the inclination or the energy to find out for ourselves if there is, or if there is not, a truth which when understood or related that truth will perhaps absolve all our problems. This is what we are going to talk over together during these three or four weeks. So it is not a diversion, an entertainment, something that you listen to for an hour and forget all about afterwards, but omething that we have to consider very seriously, give our minds and heart to understand the extraordinary complex problem of our existence.

I do not know how serious you are, or how curious you are, with what intention you read this; if these topics have any relationship to your life, to your daily existence or you are merely seeking something that is pleasurable or entertaining intellectually and then go away without actually understanding what is being said and related to our daily life. So in communicating with each other, that is, not only verbally, and also there is non-verbal communication which demands a great deal of earnestness, a great deal of not only intellectual capacity; that is, to be awake and to find out for ourselves what is true and what is false. And so on a lovely morning we have to spend, not only the understanding of words, because each will interpret a meaning or give a meaning to the word, but we have to meet each other at a level that is serious, that demands your attention, your care, your affection.

-Jiddu Krishnamurti

Short blackouts, loss of consciousness, involuntary arrhythmic movements of the limbs...Don't ignore these warnings as they could be signs of epilepsy

SPELLING IT OUT

DR KENI RAVISH RAJIV

EPILEPSY is the fourth most common neurological problem next to migraine, stroke, and Alzheimer's disease. Epilepsy is a neurological disease that affects the nervous system. It is a non-contagious, non-infectious neurological disorder that occurs due to abrupt and uncontrollable electrical disturbance in the brain. It can affect people of all ages, everyone irrespective of gender.

Epilepsy is treatable if diagnosed early. However, if ignored it may cause multiple repetitive episodes that may damage the brain cells. With proper treatment, the condition can be managed effectively. The stigma associated with epilepsy and the lack of awareness among the general public has mostly delayed the diagnosis and treatment to manage the condition.

(The writer is consultant - neurologist and epileptologist, Aster Hospitals Bangalore)

IDENTIFYING EPILEPSY

Epileptic seizures vary from brief unconsciousness or jerking of muscles to severe and prolonged convulsions (sudden rapid muscle contractions). It may occur multiple times a day or once a year. It results in short blackouts, loss of consciousness, fear, involuntary arrhythmic movements of the limbs, etc.

Epilepsy is evident when two or more unprovoked seizures occur 24 hours apart. Diagnosis is made by clinical history and supportive investigations. Episodes of loss of consciousness with posturing of limbs, jerks with frothing, tongue bite or incontinence of bowel or bladder constitutes grand mal or generalised seizure. In rare cases, one can experience recurrent falls, marching sensory symptoms in limbs and visual problems.

The symptoms differ from the types of epileptic seizure but in most of the cases, it tends to exhibit similar symptoms.

TREATMENT

The main investigations needed for diagnosis of epilepsy include EEG (electroencephalogram), and MRI scan of brain. Various medications are available, which can be safely taken to control epilepsy. If an epileptic is seizure-free for 3-5 years, medications can be slowly tapered and stopped in some of the cases.

It is advisable to seek immediate medical attention if the epileptic seizures last for more than five minutes, second seizure occurs immediately after the first, if a person has underlying medical conditions such as diabetes, fever, pregnancy, etc.

Epilepsy surgery must be considered when drugs are unable to control epilepsy which happens in about 20-30 per cent of the patients. In such cases, who continue having seizures despite being on more than two medications, epilepsy surgery becomes a rational option. The additional tests needed before surgery include Video EEG, Single-Photon Emission Computed Tomography (SPECT), Positron Emission Tomography (PET) scan, functional MRI, WADA etc. In most cases, there is a visible abnormality on the brain MRI, which if proven to be responsible for epilepsy and removed successfully, helps in curing epilepsy and the quality of life.

NUGGETS

Posting food images on Instagram not satiable

Food lovers who post images of food on Instagram, wanting to share their experience with others, are more likely to crave more, affecting their waistline, finds a study. Surveys have suggested that almost 70 per cent of millennials regularly share images of food before eating it. A study led by researchers at Georgia Southern University showed that diners who upload their meals on social media take longer to feel full. It leaves them more likely to want a second serving. According to researchers, picture-taking seemed to change the way the brain perceives food and increases the craving for more calories. —IANS

High BP at night could double risk of death among diabetics

Adults with Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes, whose blood pressure increased at night, had more than double the risk of dying compared to those whose blood pressure "dipped" during sleep, according to a 21-year study presented recently at the American Heart Association's Hypertension Scientific Sessions 2021. Blood pressure normally declines, or dips, during sleep. If blood pressure does not adequately decrease during the night, it is called "non-dipping." — IANS

For unvaccinated, re-infection by SARS-CoV-2 likely

Immunity gained after a natural infection is short-lived and remaining unvaccinated can increase the risk of getting re-infected with Covid-19, suggests a study published in the journal The Lancet Microbe. Throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, there has been much uncertainty about how long immunity lasts after someone who is unvaccinated is infected with SARS-CoV-2. "Re-infection can reasonably happen in three months or less," said lead author Jeffrey Townsend, Professor of Biostatistics at the Yale School of Public Health. "Therefore, those who have been naturally infected should get vaccinated. Previous infection alone can offer very little long-term protection against subsequent infections," Townsend added. —IANS

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A still from *Kotigobba 3*

SUDEEP'S

KOTIGOBBA 3

TO HAVE 1,000 SHOWS ACROSS KARNATAKA

Producer Surappa Babu plans a massive theatrical release for the upcoming mass commercial entertainer. However, the makers are not going in for 'special early morning shows'

A SHARADHAA

SUDEEP'S *Kotigobba 3* has cleared the censor board with a U/A and is all set to get a grand theatrical release on October 14. This is one of the big-ticket films releasing post the second wave, which has created a huge expectation among the audience - especially fans of Sudeep. With just a week away from the big day, the makers are set to launch the trailer today and will follow it with a mega pre-release event soon.

Producer Surrappa Babu has massive plans for *Kotigobba 3* to be distributed by B K Gangadhar. The team is planning to have over 1000 shows across Karnataka. "As the film is released during the festival season of Dasara, we want film lovers to celebrate cinema and enjoy the film on the big screen. At present, we plan to have 1000 shows, and it might be increased," says Surappa Babu.

However, the producer states that there will be no special early morning shows. "Since *Kotigobba 3* is releasing on Ayudha Pooja, we want people to celebrate the festival and later come and enjoy the film. Hence, we decided to go with regular shows," says Surappa Babu, adding, "Advance ticket booking will open either on October 11 and 12." The story written by Sudeep, *Kotigobba 3* marks the directorial debut of Shiva Karthik. Earlier, the film was set to hit theatres on April 29 but was delayed due to the pandemic.

Surappa Babu

Kotigobba 3, which boasts an ensemble cast, marks the Kannada debut of Madonna Sebastian and Aftab Shivdasani. The film also stars Shraddha Das, Tabla Nani, Ravi Shankar, and Rajesh Nataranga. Ashika Ranganath will make a special appearance in a song sequence. The film's music is by Arjun Janya, and it has Shekar Chandru handling the camera work.

LOHITH H TO DIRECT PRAJWAL DEVARAJ'S *MAFIA*

Prajwal Devaraj

Producer B Kumar plans to kickstart the project on November 1 on the occasion of Kannada Rajyotsava

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PRAJWAL Devaraj is teaming up with Lohith H for his 35th film, *Mafia*. The film's producer B Kumar confirmed this news to *CE* and said that he is happy to associate with the director.

Lohith made his debut with *Mummy Save Me* and then went on to make *Devaki*. Both were women-centric films with Priyanka Upendra in the lead. *Mafia* will be his next outing. "I have watched both his films. This is the first time he will be handling a commercial hero. Being a captain of this project, I am confident that he will do a good job, and he has complete support and encouragement from me and Prajwal," says the producer.

Lohith will also be collaborating with Shivarajkumar for a film titled *Sathya Mangala*. Mafia, billed as an action entertainer, will see Prajwal Devaraj as an enthusiastic cop. The team, which is ready to start the film, is waiting for Prajwal Devaraj to finish his current commitment, *Veeram*. "We have planned to shoot *Mafia* from November 1, on the occasion of Kannada Rajyotsava," adds B Kumar.

Mafia will have Aditi Prabhudeva playing the female lead. The film will also feature Prajwal's father and veteran actor Devaraj in a pivotal role. *Mafia*, bankrolled under Bangalore Kumar Films banner, will have dialogues written by Maasti. The film will have Anoop Seelin scoring music and Jebin Jackob handling the camera work.

B Kumar, Prajwal Devaraj and Lohith H

Nawazuddin Siddiqui to headline *Adbhut*

CE FEATURES

ACTOR Nawazuddin Siddique is set to play the lead role in the supernatural thriller, *Adbhut*. To be directed by Sabbir Khan, known for directing Heropanti and Bhaagi, the film will feature Diana Penty, Rohan Mehra and Shreya Dhanwanthary of *Scam 1992*-fame in prominent roles. Nawazuddin officially announced the development while sharing a short teaser of the film on his social media handles.

"The *Adbhut* journey begins! It will be a thrilling process of exploring such a character with director Sabbir Khan. Looking forward to this," Nawazuddin wrote, adding that the filming of the project has kickstarted. Bankrolled by Sony Pictures Films India, the film marks the second collaboration between Nawazuddin and Sabbir after the 2017 outing, Munna Michael.

On the other hand, Sabbir is awaiting the release of *Nikamma*, starring Shilpa Shetty, Abhimanyu Dasani, and Shirley Setia in the lead roles, while Nawazuddin has multiple projects, including *Bole Chudiyan, Jogira Sara Ra Ra*, and *Heropanti 2* in his slate.

A still from *Ninna Sanihake*

'CINEMA IS A COMPLICATED ART'

Lead actor Suraj Gowda talks to *CE* about his upcoming romantic drama, *Ninna Sanihake*, which also marks his directorial debut; film also starring Dhanya Ramkumar to hit theatres on Oct 8

CE FEATURES

THREE-film-old actor Suraj Gowda is set to foray into direction with his fourth film, *Ninna Sanihake*. The model-turned-hero, who made his debut with *Maduveya Mamatheya Kareyole*, will start his directing career with this romantic drama. "I want to ask "why not?" every time I am given challenges, and I want to do it. So when producers made this offer, I thought it was right, and grabbed the opportunity," says Suraj, whose debut directorial film will be released on October 8.

Suraj Gowda

Ask him what he brings to the table as a director, Suraj says, "I am someone who always showed interest in different aspects of cinema, which includes editing, cinematography, etc... Understanding cinema is a director's medium, I had this quest for knowledge and tried to make myself a better actor by learning the craft. That's how it started, and it paid off." He adds, "Moreover, I had the privilege to learn from directors whom I have previously worked with. They indulged my interests in every department of filmmaking and allowed me to get educated in every aspect of cinema. I believe cinema is a complicated art, and it is difficult to just watch films and direct. We need to be technically aware of how we should go about it. Though the opportunity to direct was a surprise, I didn't consider it as 'experimenting'. I was prepared."

Suraj is also writing the story and screenplay of *Ninna Sanihake* and says that getting to write the film was one of the main reasons he got around to direct the film. "I prioritise writer and director before an actor," says Suraj, adding, "I have been a storyteller since my childhood, and like to develop whatever is happening around me. This is again something that was not planned. But then, I was not getting the films I wanted to be part of. That's when I thought I should write my own. I began with *Ninna Sanihake* and I have written two more scripts."

On picking up a subject on live-in relationships for *Ninna Sanihake*, Suraj says, "Though romcom is a very common genre, I wanted to give the audience something fresh. Though live-in relationships are legal. it is still taboo. I wanted to have a comical take on this subject, and show how love is perceived in this era," says Suraj who told us that he enjoyed the post-production process of the film. *Ninna Sanihake* marks the acting debut of Dhanya Ramkumar, and according to Suraj, the team needed a fresh face, and she fit the bill. "*Ninna Sanihake* has music by Raghu Dixit, which is also be one of the highlights," says the debutant director.

Rajkumar Rao, Kriti Sanon-starrer *Hum Do Hamare Do* heads to OTT

CE FEATURES

Hum Do Hamare Do, starring Rajkumar Rao and Kriti Sanon in the lead roles, will skip theatres and instead premiere on Disney+ Hotstar, the makers announced. Billed as a family comedy, the film has been directed by Abhishek Jain, who has also co-written the script with Prashant Jha and Abhijeet Khuman.

The film reportedly follows the fiasco that ensues when a young couple decides to adopt two parents to make up for their loneliness. The film also stars Paresh Rawal, Ratna Pathak, and Aparshakti Khurana in supporting roles. The makers have also released a teaser to give a glimpse of the film's plotline. Bankrolled by Maddock Films, Hum Do Hamare Do will be available for viewing on the streaming platform from October 29. Meanwhile, Rajkumar has multiple films in his pipeline, including *Badhaai Do, Monica O My Darling*, the remake of *HIT: The First Case*. Kriti, on the other hand, was last seen in *Mimi*, and has *Bachchan Pandey, Bhediya*, and *Adipurush* coming up.

A still from the film

Natalia Dyer to star with Rachel Keller, Danny Ramirez in *Chestnut*

CE FEATURES

NATALIA Dyer of *Stranger Things* fame will star alongside actors Rachel Keller and Danny Ramirez in an upcoming LGBTQ love triangle film *Chestnut*. The film marks the directorial debut of filmmaker Jac Cron, who previously helmed the short film House Sit. Dyer plays a college pass-out who gets unexpectedly entangled in a relationship with a man and a woman during an aimless summer after college. Keller and Ramirez play the other two characters, forming the corners of the love triangle. The cast also includes actors Chella Man and Caleb Eberhardt. The film is produced by Lizzie Shapiro and Lexi Tannenholtz with Keegan DeWitt providing the background score.

Dyer became famous playing Nancy Wheeler in the Netflix series *Stranger Things*. She is reprising the part for the show's upcoming fourth season which will premiere in 2022. On the film side, she has acted in films such as *Yes, God, Yes* and *Velvet Buzzsaw*.

Natalia Dyer